

Proverbs

The Perils Of Riches &
Ways To Poverty

Purposes/Uses Of The Book

(Prov. 1:2-6)

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding, 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity; 4 To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion-- 5 A wise [man] will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.

Made For Application

- [Jas 1:21-25 NKJV] 21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues [in it], and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Dangers In Acquiring Riches

- Greed
- Bad Attitude, Poor Perspective
- “Easy Money”
- Dishonest Gain

Dangers Of Trusting In Riches

- Riches will not last
- Riches provide false security

What Are True Riches?

- Character, Contentment & Children
- Righteousness

Responsibilities & Blessings Of Benevolence

Responsibilities & Blessings Of Benevolence – God's View

- [Pro 17:4-5 NKJV] 4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue. 5 He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; He who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.
- **[Pro 19:17 NKJV] 17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.**
- [Pro 29:7 NKJV] 7 The righteous considers the cause of the poor, [But] the wicked does not understand [such] knowledge.
- **[Pro 19:22 NKJV] 22 What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar.**

Responsibilities & Blessings Of

Benevolence – Benefits To The Giver

- **[Pro 11:17 NKJV] 17 The merciful man does good for his own soul, But [he who is] cruel troubles his own flesh.**
- **[Pro 22:9 NKJV] 9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.**
- **[Pro 28:27 NKJV] 27 He who gives to the poor will not lack, But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.**
- **[Pro 21:13 NKJV] 13 Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor Will also cry himself and not be heard.**

Laziness Leads To Poverty

Laziness Leads To Poverty –

Warnings Against Laziness

- [Pro 16:26 NKJV] 26 The person who labors, labors for himself, For his [hungry] mouth drives him [on].
- [Pro 12:14 NKJV] 14 A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of [his] mouth, And the recompense of a man's hands will be rendered to him.

Laziness Leads To Poverty – Warnings Against Laziness

- [Pro 10:4 NKJV] 4 He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- [Pro 19:15 NKJV] 15 Laziness casts [one] into a deep sleep, And an idle person will suffer hunger.
- [Pro 14:23 NKJV] 23 In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter [leads] only to poverty.

Laziness Leads To Poverty – What The Lazy Man *Does*

- [Pro 13:4 NKJV] 4 The soul of a lazy [man] desires, and [has] nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.
- [Pro 21:25-26 NKJV] 25 The desire of the lazy [man] kills him, For his hands refuse to labor. 26 He covets greedily all day long, But the righteous gives and does not spare.
- [Pro 20:13 NKJV] 13 Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty; Open your eyes, [and] you will be satisfied with bread.
- [Pro 26:14-15 NKJV] 14 [As] a door turns on its hinges, So [does] the lazy [man] on his bed. 15 The lazy [man] buries his hand in the bowl; It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.

Laziness Leads To Poverty – What The Lazy Man *Doesn't*

- [Pro 24:27 NKJV] 27 Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.
- [Pro 12:27 NKJV] 27 The lazy [man] does not roast what he took in hunting, But diligence [is] man's precious possession.

Laziness Leads To Poverty – What The Lazy Man *Doesn't*

- [Pro 24:30-34 NKJV] 30 I went by the field of the lazy [man],
And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; 31
And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was
covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down. 32
When I saw [it], I considered [it] well; I looked on [it and]
received instruction: 33 A little sleep, a little slumber, A little
folding of the hands to rest; 34 So shall your poverty come
[like] a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

Laziness Leads To Poverty – The Lazy Man Always Has An Excuse

- [Pro 26:16 NKJV] 16 The lazy [man is] wiser in his own eyes Than seven men who can answer sensibly.
- [Pro 15:19 NKJV] 19 The way of the lazy [man is] like a hedge of thorns, But the way of the upright [is] a highway.
- [Pro 20:4 NKJV] 4 The lazy [man] will not plow because of winter; He will beg during harvest and [have] nothing.
- [Pro 22:13 NKJV] 13 The lazy [man] says, "[There is] a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!"

Laziness Leads To Poverty – The Lazy Man Is A Burden

- [Pro 18:9 NKJV] 9 He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.
- [Pro 10:26 NKJV] 26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So [is] the lazy [man] to those who send him.
- [Pro 26:14 NKJV] 14 [As] a door turns on its hinges, So [does] the lazy [man] on his bed.

Paths To Poverty

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Poor Choices In Borrowing & Lending

- [Pro 22:7 NKJV] 7 The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower [is] servant to the lender.
- [Pro 17:18 NKJV] 18 A man devoid of understanding shakes hands in a pledge, [And] becomes surety for his friend.
- [Pro 22:26-27 NKJV] 26 Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, One of those who is surety for debts; 27 If you have nothing [with which] to pay, Why should he take away your bed from under you?

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- [Pro 27:13 NKJV] 13 Take the garment of him who is surety for a stranger, And hold it in pledge [when] he is surety for a seductress.

Paths To Poverty –

Wickedness Leads To Poverty

- [Pro 11:24 NKJV] 24 There is [one] who scatters, yet increases more; And there is [one] who withholds more than is right, But it [leads] to poverty.
- [Pro 22:16 NKJV] 16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his [riches], [And] he who gives to the rich, [will] surely [come] to poverty.
- [Pro 13:25 NKJV] 25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul, But the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.

Paths To Poverty –

Foolishness Leads To Poverty

- [Pro 28:19 NKJV] 19 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!
- [Pro 21:17 NKJV] 17 He who loves pleasure [will be] a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

Paths To Poverty –

Foolishness Leads To Poverty

- [Pro 27:23-27 NKJV] 23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, [And] attend to your herds; 24 For riches [are] not forever, Nor does a crown [endure] to all generations. 25 [When] the hay is removed, and the tender grass shows itself, And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in, 26 The lambs [will provide] your clothing, And the goats the price of a field; 27 [You shall have] enough goats' milk for your food, For the food of your household, And the nourishment of your maidservants.