
Saving, investing

Proverbs 21:20 The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.

Proverbs 30:24-25 “Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: ²⁵Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer;”

Proverbs 6:6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!

⁷It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, ⁸yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. ⁹How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? ¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—¹¹and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

Additional study: Proverbs 22:3; Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Timothy 5:8

Debt

Proverbs 22:7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

Psalms 37:21 The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously;

Additional study: Proverbs 3:27-28; Romans 13:8

Contentment

*Hebrews 13:5-6 Keep your lives **free from the love of money** and **be content** with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” ⁶So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”*

Additional study: Ecclesiastes 5:10

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Biblical Economics

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Warnings:

Exodus 20:14 “You shall not steal.”

Exodus 20:17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

*1 Timothy 6:9 Those who **want** to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For **the love of money** is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, **eager for money**, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

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Faith, Prayer, Trust

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

*Proverbs 11:28 Those who **trust** in their riches will **fall**, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.*

*Matthew 6:31 “So do not **worry**, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not **worry** about tomorrow, for tomorrow will **worry** about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

Additional study: Prov. 8:20-21; 10:2; 16:8; Matt. 6:25-33;

Budget, Planning, Prudence

Proverbs 27:23-27 Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; ²⁴for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations. ²⁵When the hay is removed and new growth appears and the grass from the hills is gathered in, ²⁶the lambs will provide you with clothing, and the goats with the price of a field. ²⁷You will have plenty of goats' milk to feed your family and to nourish your female servants.

Additional study: Prov. 31:16, 18, 21

Counsel

Proverbs 12:15 The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

Proverbs 15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

Additional study: Prov. 10:17; 11:14

Work, Diligence, Responsibility

2 Thessalonians 3:6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 28:19 Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty.

Proverbs 10:4-5 Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. ⁵He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.

Proverbs 24:30 I went past the field of a sluggard, past the vineyard of someone who has no sense; ³¹thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. ³²I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: ³³A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— ³⁴and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

Additional study: 1 Tim. 5:8

Giving, generosity

1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 21:1 As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ²He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³"Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Additional study: 2 Corinthians 8:13-15; Prov. 28:27; Haggai 1:6
