



SKILL FOR LIFE

Wisdom in a Broken World

A Brief Series in Proverbs



⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out. ⁸If we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 Timothy 6:6-10

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⁹Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest;
¹⁰then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10

⁶Go to the ant, you slacker! Observe its ways and become wise.

⁷Without leader, administrator, or ruler, ⁸it prepares its provisions in summer; it gathers its food during harvest.

⁹How long will you stay in bed, you slacker? When will you get up from your sleep?

¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the arms to rest, ¹¹and your poverty will come like a robber, your need, like a bandit.

Proverbs 6:6-10

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Idle hands make one poor, but diligent hands bring riches.

Proverbs 10:4

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While the ant is industrious, those who are lazy are ridiculed as not getting out of bed. As is typical of the overall teaching concerning sloth in the book of Proverbs, this section uses hyperbole and satire in the attempt to motivate those who are lazy to get to work.

-Tremper Longman

The Lord God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it.

Genesis 2:15

¹⁹The one who works his land will have plenty of food, but whoever chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.

²⁰A faithful person will have many blessings, but one in a hurry to get rich will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 28:19-20

“Wealth obtained by fraud will dwindle, but whoever earns it through labor will multiply it.”

Or,

“...whoever gathers upon his hand will multiply it.”

Proverbs 13:11

The wealth of the rich is his fortified city; the poverty of the poor is their destruction.

Proverbs 10:15

The plans of the diligent certainly lead to profit, but anyone who is reckless certainly becomes poor.

Proverbs 21:5

**The one who loves PLEASURE will become poor;
whoever loves wine and oil will not get rich.**

Proverbs 21:17

Justice executed is a JOY to the righteous.

Proverbs 21:15

¹⁹Then I'll say to myself, "You have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy; eat, drink, and enjoy yourself."

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is demanded of you. And the things you have prepared—whose will they be?'

²¹"That's how it is with the one who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Luke 12:19-21

Precious treasure and oil are in the dwelling of a wise person, but a fool consumes them.

Proverbs 21:20

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7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is a slave to the lender.

8 The one who sows injustice will reap disaster, and the rod of his fury will be destroyed.

9 A generous person will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:7-9

Do not charge your brother interest on silver, food, or anything that can earn interest.

Deuteronomy 23:19

Whoever increases his wealth through excessive interest collects it for one who is kind to the poor.

Proverbs 28:8

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One must regard indebtedness only as a last resort, be wary of those who offer to lend money, and endeavor to get out of debt as rapidly as possible. Debt is debilitating and demoralizing. No one can live the happy, prosperous life Proverbs recommends in that condition.

-Duane Garrett

Kindness to the poor is a loan to the Lord, and he will give a reward to the lender.

Proverbs 19:17

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²⁴One person gives freely, yet gains more; another withholds what is right, only to become poor.

²⁵A generous person will be enriched, and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water.

Proverbs 11:24-25

Generous giving is an act of faith that rests, in part, on the belief that God knows your needs, sees your giving, and wants to assure you – as He's doing here in Proverbs 11 – that you cannot be more generous to others than He is to you.

⁷Two things I ask of you; don't deny them to me before I die:

⁸Keep falsehood and deceitful words far from me. Give me neither poverty nor wealth; feed me with the food I need.

⁹Otherwise, I might have too much and deny you, saying, "Who is the Lord?" or I might have nothing and steal, profaning the name of my God.

Proverbs 30:7-9