



# Proverbs

## *Poverty and Prosperity*



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There are Two Camps:

### Prosperity Theology

-Prosperity theology is a theology of using God to get your real God which is wealth

### Poverty Theology

-Poverty Theology is a theology the less you have the closer you are to God

**Holiness is about Shrewd Stewardship**





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### The Lord's Point in Wealth

PRO 22:2 The rich and the poor meet together;  
the Lord is the maker of them all.

PRO 3:9 Honor the Lord with your wealth  
and with the firstfruits of all your produce.

PRO 22:4 The reward for humility and fear of the Lord  
is riches and honor and life.





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### Godly Rich

PRO 14:20 The poor is disliked even by his neighbor, but the rich has many friends.

PRO 22:7 The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

PRO 22:9 Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

PRO 15:6 In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but trouble befalls the income of the wicked.







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PRO 11:24 One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;  
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers  
want.

PRO 14:31 Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker,  
but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

PRO 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance,  
but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.





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### UnGodly Rich

PRO 11:16 A gracious woman gets honor, and violent men get riches.

PRO 10:15 A rich man's wealth is his strong city; the poverty of the poor is their ruin.

PRO 11:4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

PRO 16:8 Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice.





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### UnGodly Rich

PRO 21:6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.

PRO 17:5 Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.

PRO 28:11 A rich man is wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has understanding will find him out.





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PRO 22:16 Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.

PRO 28:22 A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him.

PRO 30:14 There are those whose teeth are swords, whose fangs are knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, the needy from among mankind.





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### Godly Poor

PRO 13:23 The fallow ground of the poor would yield much food, but it is swept away through injustice.

PRO 13:25 The righteous has enough to satisfy his appetite, but the belly of the wicked suffers want.

PRO 14:21 Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.





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### Godly Poor

PRO 15:16-17 Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it. 17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

PRO 16:19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.

PRO 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.





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### Conclusion

Godly Poor and Rich both serve God not Money:

**Litmus Test \*Godly Character**

1. Prosperity is not a right, but a privilege and a responsibility.
2. Poverty is not viewed as an intrinsic evil but a reality that must be handled in light of the gospel.
  - a. We are mandated to protect the rights of the poor.
  - b. We are mandated to be Godly poor people

Our Economic status does not define us nor secure us but only Christ.

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