

Wisdom and Wealth

Wealth gained through godly living and used for the benefit of others honors the Lord.

Wealth and the Sovereignty of God (22:1-9) God's Response (22:10-16)

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Proverbs 22:1

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

- ² The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the Maker of them all.
- ³ The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.
- ⁴ The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life.

Thorns and snares are in the way of the crooked; whoever guards his soul will keep far from them.
Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

- ⁷The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.
- ⁸ Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail.
- ⁹ Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

- ¹⁰ Drive out a scoffer, and strife will go out, and quarreling and abuse will cease.
- ¹¹ He who loves purity of heart, and whose speech is gracious, will have the king as his friend.

- ¹² The eyes of the LORD keep watch over knowledge, but he overthrows the words of the traitor.
- 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside! I shall be killed in the streets!"
- ¹⁴ The mouth of forbidden women is a deep pit; he with whom the LORD is angry will fall into it.

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.
Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.

During this time of reflection:

How can I grow in being wise when it comes to my wealth?

- ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- He makes me lie down in green pastures.
- He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul.
- He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.