

A TOPICAL STUDY OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Lesson 13

SECTION : TREASURES IN PROVERBS

TOPIC: Wealth and Poverty

INTRODUCTION

The book of Proverbs deals extensively with the subjects of wealth and poverty. It alerts us to the dangers and the pitfalls of both. It exposes wrong attitudes and actions toward both, and it shows us what true wealth is in God's eyes.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Since there is such a *wealth* of information on this topic in Proverbs, look up some or all of the following scriptures and write down a key word or phrase that summarizes the verse.

WEALTH AND POVERTY

- Proverbs 3:9, 10 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 3:13,14 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 10:4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 10:15,16 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 10:22 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 11:4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 11:28 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 13:7,8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 13:11 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 14:20 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 15:6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 15:16,17 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 15:27 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 16:8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 18:11 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 19:4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 20:21 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 21:6 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 21:17 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 22:1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Proverbs 22:16 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 23:4,5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 27:23,24 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 28:8 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 28:19, 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 28:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 30:7-9 \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIPTURE RESEARCH**

This part of your homework gives additional Biblical references for this topic. Look up and comment on *at least* one verse in each topic:

**POVERTY**

Psalms 82:3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremiah 22:16 \_\_\_\_\_  
Deuteronomy 15:7 \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalms 41:1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 19:21 \_\_\_\_\_  
Galatians 2:10 \_\_\_\_\_

**RICHES FROM GOD**

Deuteronomy 8:18 \_\_\_\_\_  
I Chronicles 29:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
Hosea 2:8 \_\_\_\_\_

**PERILS OF RICHES**

Deuteronomy 8:13-19 \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 19:23 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark 4:18-19 \_\_\_\_\_  
I Timothy 6:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_

**JESUS' TEACHING ON RICHES**

Matthew 13:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark 12:41-44 \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 18:24-27 \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIPTURE REACTION

In this section, write down what you learned about wealth and poverty. For example, what did you learn about the source of riches, attitudes toward wealth, how to be spiritually rich, and the end results of riches without God.

How can you possess something without it possessing you?

SCRIPTURAL ACTION

Take time to personalize what you have learned. What are your attitudes towards your financial status? Where do you believe your wealth comes from?  
How can you be *spiritually* rich?

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SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

Let's consider the topics of spiritual riches and poverty.

*Spiritual Riches* - How do these verses speak to you about being spiritually wealthy?

Matthew 6:19-21 -

Philippians 3:8 -

I Timothy 6:17-19-

Ephesians 1:18 -

Ephesians 3:8 -

Hebrews 11:26 -

Revelation 3:18 -

*Spiritual Poverty* - What do these verses say about someone who is spiritually poor?

Jeremiah 5:3-4 -

Luke 15:11-19 -

Ephesians 2:12 -

Revelation 3:17 -

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

*"Better is a little with the fear of the Lord,  
than great treasure with trouble."*

Proverbs 15:16

