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**Wealth & Poverty
Greed & Generosity**

Proverbs teaches us to
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22:7 the rich rule over the poor;
the borrower is servant to the lender

21:6 fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting
vapour and a deadly snare

15:27 the greedy bring ruin to their households,
but the one who hates bribes will live

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11:24 One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

26 People curse the one who hoards grain, but they pray God's blessing on the one who is willing to sell.

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

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21:20 in the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has

22:22 do not exploit the poor... for the Lord will take up their case and plunder those who plunder them

19:17 he who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord

Proverbs exhorts us to
Pursue what is of lasting value

‘Two things I ask of you, Lord;
do not refuse me before I die:

8 keep falsehood and lies far from me;

give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.

9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
and say, “Who is the Lord?”

Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonour the name of my God.

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Pursue what is of lasting value

With me [wisdom] are riches and honour,
enduring wealth and prosperity.

19 My fruit is better than fine gold;
what I yield surpasses choice silver.

20 I walk in the way of righteousness,
along the paths of justice,

21 bestowing a rich inheritance on those who love
me and making their treasuries full.

Proverbs points us to...

- Our generous God...
- and the truly righteous man