

## **Proverbs – Wealth**

“Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” [Proverb 3:9-10]

### 1 **The Advantages of Wealth.**

[a] ***Security.*** Proverbs 10:15 “The wealth of the rich is their fortified city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor”

[b] ***Power.*** Proverbs 22:7 “The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the servant to the lender.”

[c] ***A blessing from God.*** Proverbs 10:22 “The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.”

### 2 **The Dangers of Wealth.**

[a] ***Greed.*** Proverbs 15:27 “A greedy man brings trouble to his family, but he who hares bribes will live.”

[b] ***Dishonesty.*** Proverbs 20:17 “Food gained by fraud tastes sweet to a man, but he ends up with a mouth full of gravel.”

### 3 **The True Value of Wealth.**

[a] Proverbs 11:4 “Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death”

[b] And so Proverbs 15:16 “Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.”

[c] Proverbs 30:7-9 “....give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. 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.”

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9)