

How to Avoid Poverty Money (From Proverbs)

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Proverbs 10:4 NIV Lazy hands make for **poverty**, but diligent hands bring **wealth**.

Proverbs 10:15 NIV The **wealth** of the **rich** is their fortified city, but **poverty** is the ruin of the **poor**.

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Proverbs 22:9 NIV The **generous** will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the **poor**.

Proverbs 22:16 NIV One who oppresses the **poor** to increase his **wealth** and one who gives gifts to the **rich**—both come to **poverty**.

Proverbs 23:5 NIV Cast but a glance at **riches**, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

Proverbs 23:21 NIV for drunkards and gluttons become **poor**, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.

Proverbs 24:33-34 NIV A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— (34) and **poverty** will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

Proverbs 28:19 NIV Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of **poverty**.

Proverbs 28:22 NIV The stingy are eager to get **rich** and are unaware that **poverty** awaits them.

Proverbs 28:27 NIV Those who give to the **poor** will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.

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Reject Discipline / Correction

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Lots of Talk

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Wickedness brings poverty

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Loving Pleasure

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7 Ways to Avoid Poverty

Two things before we begin:

- I will be saving the best one for last.
- And I hope you will tell us where you are watching from, who you are with, tagging someone, or sharing this video on your page.

First thing I would do to avoid poverty

- Open the Bible to the book of Proverbs.
- 1 book and so much help!

Second, I would not dream too much.

- Multi-Level Marketing plans often have you dream of what you want to obtain through their program.
- Those dreams are their driving force
- Proverbs 28:19 NIV Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of **poverty**.
- And since we have referred to MLMs,
- Don't get in a hurry to rake in all that dough.
- God said,
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Third, I would not chase my pleasures.

- I love riding motorcycles, and I love traveling.
 - They go together well and are so much fun
 - Maybe yours is hunting/fishing
 - Shopping for shoes.
 - But God said,
 - Proverbs 21:17 NIV Whoever loves pleasure will become **poor**; whoever loves wine and olive oil will never be **rich**.

Fourth, I would be someone "coach-able"; that accepts correction.

- Listening to qualified disciplined leaders / coaches is good for us
 - May not be "pleasant" or "fun", but quite useful.
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5th, We must make sure we are following God's directions instead of our own ways that can be/ become wicked.

- Those following God's directions are listening to what HE says on any and all subjects.
 - They abandon their own thinking to simply do what he says will work.
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 - That is plain **Greed**.

6th, Spend less time talking and more time working.

- My 6th grade teacher, Mr. Karl, used this phrase occasional.
 - He needed us to spend more time with pencil on paper, and less time from us boys entertaining each other.
- This is how God wrote it.
 - Proverbs 14:23 NIV All hard work brings a **profit**, but mere talk leads only to **poverty**.
 - Get your project out of the committee(s).
 - Don't try to get everything, or everyone, complete before you start.
- Then God added these statements.
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7th, and final,

- It is the one most frequently spoken of in Proverbs.
- And it is not what you might expect.
 - Yet you might have expected to hear about working hard
 - You might have expected being diligent
 - So, we will just read them together.
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- So, to avoid poverty, be generous to the needy and poor.