



THE GOOD LIFE

UNIVERSAL WISDOM FROM
THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

1. Wisdom (and a good name) over wealth

Proverbs 16:16, ESV

How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

Proverbs 22:1, ESV

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

2. Choose joyful contentment

Proverbs 27:20, NIV

Death and destruction are never satisfied, and neither are human eyes.

Proverbs 23:4, HCSB

Proverbs 23:4 – Don't wear yourself out to get rich; stop giving your attention to it.

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Proverbs 30:7-9, NIV

⁷Two things I ask of You, LORD; do not refuse me before I die: ⁸Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.

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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 dishonor the name of my God.

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1. Ask God to grow contentment in you.
2. Separate needs from wants.
3. Look down the ladder rather than up the ladder.
4. Be financially generous.

3. Be intentional: generosity first

Proverbs 3:9-10, ESV

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

4. Be intentional: spend less than you earn

Proverbs 21:20, ESV

Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.

Proverbs 21:17, ESV

Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

5. Be intentional: save for the future

Proverbs 6:6, 8 ESV

⁶ Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. ⁸ She prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.

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Ecclesiastes 11:2, NIV

Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.

6. Be intentional: get out of debt

Proverbs 22:7, ESV

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave to the lender.

Romans 13:8, NIV

Let not debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.”

7. Work hard (don't be lazy)

Proverbs 10:4, ESV

A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

Proverbs 12:11, ESV

Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.

8. Seek wise counsel before major decisions

Proverbs 12:15, ESV

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

Proverbs 15:22, ESV

Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

9. Put your hope in God, not money

Proverbs 11:28, ESV

Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

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Proverbs 23:4-5, ESV

Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.

9. Put your hope in God, not money

1 Timothy 6:17, ESV

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, not to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches.

10. Pray!

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

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