

1. Pray about your pounds

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. (30.7-9)

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2. Money isn't always good for you

Wealth attracts many friends, but even the closest friend of the poor person deserts them. (19.4)

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The greedy stir up conflict, but those who trust in the Lord will prosper. (28.25)

The Lord detests differing weights, and dishonest scales do not please him. (20.23)

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3. Some things are worth more than money

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. (11.4)

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Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice. (16.8)

A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. (22.1)

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Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil. Better a dish of vegetables with love than a fattened calf with hatred. (15.16-17)

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4. God *doesn't* always help those who help themselves

*Lazy hands make for poverty,
but diligent hands bring
wealth. (10.4)*

*A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands
to rest – and poverty will
come on you like a thief
(6.10-11)*

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*An unploughed field
produces food for the poor,
but injustice sweeps it away.
(13.23)*

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A wicked person earns deceptive wages (11.18)

Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all. (22.2)

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5. Money is a poor god

Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf. (11.28)

The rich are wise in their own eyes; one who is poor and discerning sees how deluded they are. (28.11)

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Jesus said “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.” (Matthew 6.24)

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6. Your money isn't yours

“Who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.” (1 Chronicles 29.14)

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“The righteous are willing to disadvantage themselves to advantage the community. The wicked are willing to disadvantage the community to advantage themselves.”
(Bruce Waltke)

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The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern. (29.7)

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done. (19.17)

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One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. (11.24-25)

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Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. (3.9-10)

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**7. Embrace the one who
embraced poverty for your
sake**

*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)*

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**7. Embrace the one who
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*The name of the LORD is a
fortified tower; the righteous
run to it and are safe. (18.10)*

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