

Whoever Trusts in His Riches Will Fall

Proverbs 11

1. TAMING THE TONGUE: Chapter 10 said a lot about _____, and that continues in chapter 11.

Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,
but a man of understanding remains silent. (11:12)

2. PROVERBS AND ECCLESIASTES AGREE: Wealth is _____, but not of ultimate value, and is a danger (disappointing and destructive) when _____.

[The following headings are from Daniel J. Treier, *Proverbs and Ecclesiastes*, 87-90.]

- a. Ill-gotten gain is actually _____.

The righteousness of the upright delivers them,
but the treacherous are taken captive by their lust. (11:6)
Wealth gained hastily will dwindle,
but whoever gathers little by little will increase it. (13:11)

- b. The acquisition of wealth involves _____.

The blessing of the LORD makes rich,
and he adds no sorrow with it. (10:22)
A gracious woman gets honor,
and violent men get riches. (11:16)

- c. Wealth benefits those who do not _____ on to it _____.

Whoever trusts in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf. (11:28)

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. (1 Timothy 6:6-10)

- d. Divine _____ frequently flows in relation to _____.

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.
Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.
The people curse him who holds back grain,
but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it. (11:24-26)

- e. This is consistent with the underlying perspective of Proverbs concerning _____.

Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death. (11:4)