



CAUSES OF POVERTY AND LACK, AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

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Deuteronomy 30 ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live AMP

Deuteronomy 30 ¹⁹ "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! ²⁰ You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." NLT

Deuteronomy 28 ¹ "Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the Lord your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. ² "All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the Lord your God: ⁸ "The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you. ¹¹ "The Lord will make you abound in prosperity,

Deuteronomy 28 ¹⁵ "But it shall come about, if you do not obey the Lord your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: ⁴⁷ "Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joy and a glad heart, for the abundance of all things; ⁴⁸ therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in the lack of all things NASU

Proverbs 26 ² Like a sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying, So a curse without cause does not alight. NASU

Isaiah 1 ¹⁹ "If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land; NASU

3 John ² Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers NASU

Mark 14 ⁷ "For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; but you do not always have Me. NASU

Deuteronomy 15 ⁴ "However, there will be no poor among you, since the Lord will surely bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, ⁵ if only you listen obediently to the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all this commandment which I am commanding you today. NASU

Proverbs 10 ²² It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it. NASU

2 Corinthians 8 ⁹ 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. NASU

Ignorance About Money and Finances

Hosea 4 ⁶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. NASU

Foolishness and Stupidity

Proverbs 8 ³² Now therefore listen to me, O you sons; for blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who keep my ways. [Ps 119:1,2; 128:1,2; Luke 11:28.] ³³ Hear instruction and be wise, and do not refuse or neglect it. ³⁴ Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. ³⁵ For whoever finds me [Wisdom] finds life and draws forth and obtains favor from the Lord. ³⁶ But he who misses me or sins against me wrongs and injures himself; all who hate me love and court death. AMP

Believing It Is Righteous and Holy To Be Poor

Matthew 5 ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. NASU

Matthew 5 ³ "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, NLT

1 Peter 5 ⁵ GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. NASU

Proverbs 16 ¹⁸ Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. AMP

Proverbs 13 ²² A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, and the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. NASU

Not Caring About Money

Matthew 25 ²¹ "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' NASU

Luke 16 ¹⁰ "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. NASU

1 Timothy 6 ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. NASU

Focusing On The Problem, Not The Solution

Romans 14 ²³ for whatever is not from faith is sin. NKJV

Philippians 4 ⁶ Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, AMP

Philippians 4 ⁶ Don't worry about anything; NLT

Proverbs 10 ²⁴ What the wicked fears will come upon him, But the desire of the righteous will be granted. NASU

Proverbs 11 ²³ The desire of the righteous is only good, But the expectation of the wicked is wrath. NASU

Proverbs 4 ¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day. NASU

Isaiah 9 ⁷ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this. NASU

Refusing Instruction

Proverbs 13 ¹⁸ Poverty and shame come to him who refuses instruction and correction, but he who heeds reproof is honored. AMP

Proverbs 9 ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser, Teach a righteous man and he will increase his learning. NASU

Proverbs 4 ²⁰ My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Do not let them depart from your sight; keep them in the midst of your heart. ²² For they are life to those who find them and health to all their body. NASU

Lack Of Long Term Planning

Proverbs 22 ³ The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, But the naive go on, and are punished for it. ⁴ The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord Are riches, honor and life. NASU

Poor Character

Proverbs 6 ¹² A worthless person, a wicked man, Is the one who walks with a perverse mouth, NASU

Bad and Slothful Attitude

Proverbs 6 ⁹ How long will you lie down, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? ¹⁰ "A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest" — ¹¹ Your poverty will come in like a vagabond And your need like an armed man. NASU

Thinking That A Job Will Make You Rich

2 Thessalonians 3 ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. NASU

Jeremiah 17 ⁵ Thus says the Lord, "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the Lord. ⁶ "For he will be like a bush in the desert And will not see when prosperity comes, But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, A land of salt without inhabitant. NASU

Psalms 52 ⁷ "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge, But trusted in the abundance of his riches And was strong in his evil desire." NASU

Proverbs 3 ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. NASU

Resenting The Rich

Ecclesiastes 10 ²⁰ Furthermore, in your bedchamber do not curse a king, and in your sleeping rooms do not curse a rich man, for a bird of the heavens will carry the sound and the winged creature

will make the matter known. NASU

Isaiah 48 ¹⁷ Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way you should go. NASU