

The Slippery Slopes of Wealth and Power

Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12

Introduction:

Wisdom from the Palace to the Poor House

The rich tend to oppress the poor and abuse their power. One day God will judge every thought and action. 5: 8-9

The love of money will never make you happy. Instead, loving money makes you miserable. 5:10-11

Honest workers sleep well; financial moguls suffer from insomnia. 5:12

Money comes, and money goes, so don't put your faith in money.

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Craving money leads to a life of frustration, ill health, and anger.

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Honest work coupled with contentment is a gift from God. 5:18-20

Accumulating wealth is meaningless when there is no ultimate purpose for it and no personal enjoyment of it. 6:1-2

No one is contented when they are rich in wealth but poor in relationships. 6:3-6

Knowing how to gain wealth is not always a blessing. 6:7-8

Contentment with God's provision is the truest personal wealth. 6:9

There are some things in life that you cannot change so accept them. 6:10

The sheer volume of words does not make your life better. Talk less and mean more. 6:11

Life is short, so make it count. 6:12