

GENEROUS LIVING WORK HARD

**A generous man will prosper;
he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.**
Proverbs 11:25

Generous living is about...

*...discovering you're a partner with God
and can live life with your hands open.
...moving from I love me to I love you.*

FUNDED BY PERSONAL DILIGENCE

- At least a dozen times Proverbs focuses on the importance of diligence in one's work life - warning those who love sleep, the lazy, and the sluggard.

Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.
Proverbs 10:4

- The wise man illustrates diligence by focusing on the ant.
Proverbs 6:6-11
- Very clearly, God's way to financial prosperity is work.

GUARDED BY WISDOM

**He who works his land will have abundant food,
but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.**
²⁰ **A faithful man will be richly blessed,
but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.**
Proverbs 28:19-20

**The plans of the diligent lead to profit
as surely as haste leads to poverty.**
Proverbs 21:5

- The wise man has learned "if it's too good to be true, it probably isn't true."
- Beware of shortcuts to making money! Let wisdom guard your financial decisions.

GUIDED BY INTEGRITY

**He whose walk is blameless is kept safe,
but he whose ways are perverse will suddenly fall.**
Proverbs 28:18

**The LORD abhors dishonest scales,
but accurate weights are his delight.**
Proverbs 11:1

**The wicked man earns deceptive wages,
but he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward**
Proverbs 11:18

**Dishonest money dwindles away,
but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.**
Proverbs 13:11

**A greedy man brings trouble to his family,
but he who hates bribes will live.**
Proverbs 15:27

CONTROLLED BY LIMITS

**Do not wear yourself out to get rich;
have the wisdom to show restraint.**
Proverbs 23:4

- The wise man knows there is more to prosperity than wealth.

**Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions,
and enables him to enjoy them,
to accept his lot and be happy in his work—this is a gift of God.**
²⁰ **He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him
occupied with gladness of heart.**
Ecclesiastes 5:19-20

WORK FOR GOD... THE BENEFITS ARE FANTASTIC!

NEXT STEPS



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