

Causes of Poverty

Proverbs 6:6-11 Go to the ant, you sluggard!
Consider her ways and be wise,
7 Which, having no captain,
Overseer or ruler,
8 Provides her supplies in the summer,
And gathers her food in the harvest.
9 How long will you slumber, O sluggard?
When will you rise from your sleep?
10 A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep--
11 So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler,
And your need like an armed man.

Proverbs 10:4-5 He who has a slack hand becomes poor,
But the hand of the diligent makes rich.
5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son;
He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.

Proverbs 12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule,
But the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing;
But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

Proverbs 13:11 Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished,
But he who gathers by labor will increase.

Proverbs 13:18 Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction,
But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.

Proverbs 13:23 Much food is in the fallow ground of the poor,
And for lack of justice there is waste.

Proverbs 14:23 In all labor there is profit,
But idle chatter leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 19:15 Laziness casts one into a deep sleep,
And an idle person will suffer hunger.

Proverbs 20:4 The lazy man will not plow because of winter;
He will beg during harvest and have nothing.

Proverbs 20:13 Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty;
Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with bread.

Proverbs 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty,
But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.

Proverbs 21:17 He who loves pleasure will be a poor man;
He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

**Proverbs 22:16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches,
And he who gives to the rich, will surely come to poverty.**

**Proverbs 23:20-21 Do not mix with winebibbers,
Or with gluttonous eaters of meat;
21 For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,
And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.**

**Proverbs 24:30-34 I went by the field of the lazy man,
And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;
31 And there it was, all overgrown with thorns;
Its surface was covered with nettles;
Its stone wall was broken down.
32 When I saw it, I considered it well;
I looked on it and received instruction:
33 A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to rest;
34 So shall your poverty come like a prowler,
And your need like an armed man.**

**Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper,
But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.**

**Proverbs 28:19 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread,
But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!**

**Proverbs 28:22 A man with an evil eye hastens after riches,
And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.**

**Proverbs 29:7 The righteous considers the cause of the poor,
But the wicked does not understand such knowledge.**

**Haggai 1:6-9 "You have sown much, and bring in little;
You eat, but do not have enough;
You drink, but you are not filled with drink;
You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;
And he who earns wages,
Earns wages to put into a bag with holes."
7 Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways!
8 "Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure
in it and be glorified," says the Lord.
9 "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew
it away. Why?" says the Lord of hosts. "Because of My house that is in ruins, while every
one of you runs to his own house.**

**Luke 15:13-14 "And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together,
journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.
14 "But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to
be in want.**