

Proverbs 13:7

*There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing;
And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.*

Whoever wants to be poor, raise your hand? Ok, I'm not seeing very many hands being raised.

Now, whoever would like to be rich, raise your hand? Yeah, there are all the hands raised up high.

Now that you have raised your hands, read today's devotional verse again.

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Will you now change the answer to the above questions based upon this Proverb?

"Well, I guess so, if you put it that way."

Money should not be our main focus in life; our focus is to minister to others, not to get rich or to even be well off financially. Think of Jesus, who had nothing, yet He had everything.

† **Luke 9:58** *And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."*

Even today, Jesus is the most loved person ever, and how much did He have? Zero dollars and was homeless. Sure, Jesus could have called out to God for a bunch of money, but He knew that money would not make Him happy, nor would it give to others what they really needed.

Have you ever thought about that, the one thing we probably pray for the most, money, Jesus never prayed for, either for Himself or others.

So why are we so quick to constantly think about money? Because we want and think that God wants us to be well off financially and have nice things. Sure, there are people in the bible who had a lot, like Solomon who was the richest man in the world, yet with all of his riches, he would have gladly given them up to start over again and not have all the stuff that he had, or his wives who became a burden to him, because they worshipped other gods and turned his heart away from God

But you could probably count the number of people in the bible who were well off financially on both your hands, and maybe even your feet. But how many more had little or nothing. The bible does not teach that we are to be rich or well off. And if we are, then we should share what we have with others.

So are you asking from God so you can have nice things and feel comfortable financially?

† ***“There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing”***

Or are you asking because you see the needs of those around you, and you want so that you can give to those in need?

† ***“And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.”***

May your heart control your money, not your money control your heart.

† **Acts 20:35 (NLT2)** *And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: **‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’***

† **Job 31:24-25 (MSG)** *Did I set my heart on making big money or worship at the bank? Did I boast about my wealth, show off because I was well-off?*

† **Acts 5:3 (NLT2)** *Then Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself.*

† **Matthew 6:24 (MSG)** ***You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both.***