Proverbs on Finances, part 2 ESV

The Principle of Reality

- ^{10:15}A rich man's wealth is his strong city; the poverty of the poor is their ruin.
- ^{11:28}Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.
- ¹²⁹Better to be lowly and have a servant than to play the great man and lack bread.
- ^{13:7}One pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.
- ^{13:8}The ransom of a man's life is his wealth, but a poor man hears no threat.
- ^{14:20}The poor is disliked even by his neighbor, but the rich has many friends.
- ^{17:8}A bribe is like a magic stone in the eyes of the one who gives it; wherever he turns he prospers.
- ^{18:11}A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his imagination.
- ¹⁸²³The poor use entreaties, but the rich answer roughly.
- ^{19,4}Wealth brings many new friends, but a poor man is deserted by his friend.
- ¹⁹⁷All a poor man's brothers hate him; how much more do his friends go far from him! He pursues them with words, but does not have them.
- ^{21:14}A gift in secret averts anger, and a concealed bribe, strong wrath.
- ^{22:2}The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the maker of them all.
- ^{23:6}Do not eat the bread of a man who is stingy; do not desire his delicacies, ⁷for he is like one who is inwardly calculating. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you. ⁸You will vomit up the morsels that you have eaten, and waste your pleasant words.
- ^{25.6}Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
- ²⁸¹¹A rich man is wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has understanding will find him out.
- ^{29.13}The poor man and the oppressor meet together; the LORD gives light to the eyes of both.

The Principle of Integrity

- 10:2Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.
- ^{11:1}A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is his delight.
- ¹¹⁻¹⁸The wicked earns deceptive wages, but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward.

- ^{15,27}Whoever is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household, but he who hates bribes will live.
- ¹⁶⁸Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice.
- 16:11A just balance and scales are the LORD's; all the weights in the bag are his work.
- ¹⁷²³The wicked accepts a bribe in secret to pervert the ways of justice.
- ^{20:10}Unequal weights and unequal measures are both alike an abomination to the LORD.
- ^{20:17}Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be full of gravel.
- ²⁰²³Unequal weights are an abomination to the LORD, and false scales are not good.
- ^{21.6}The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.
- ^{28:16}A ruler who lacks understanding is a cruel oppressor, but he who hates unjust gain will prolong his days.
- ²⁸²¹To show partiality is not good, but for a piece of bread a man will do wrong.
- ^{29,4}By justice a king builds up the land, but he who exacts gifts tears it down.

The Principle of Industry

- ¹⁰⁴A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.
- ¹⁰⁵He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.
- ^{12:14}From the fruit of his mouth a man is satisfied with good, and the work of a man's hand comes back to him.
- 1224The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.
- 12:27Whoever is slothful will not roast his game, but the diligent man will get precious wealth.
- ¹³⁴The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.
- ^{13:11}Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.
- ^{14.4}Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.
- ¹⁴²³In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.
- ¹⁶²⁶A worker's appetite works for him; his mouth urges him on.
- ^{19:15}Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger.
- ²⁰¹³Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread.
- ²⁰²¹An inheritance gained hastily in the beginning will not be blessed in the end.

- ^{21.5}The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.
- ²²²⁹Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.
- ²⁴³⁰I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, ³¹and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. ³²Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. ³³A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, ³⁴and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.
- ²⁸¹⁹Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty.
- ^{28:20}A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.
- ²⁸²²A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him.

The Principle of Security

- ^{11:15}Whoever puts up security for a stranger will surely suffer harm, but he who hates striking hands in pledge is secure.
- ^{17:18}One who lacks sense gives a pledge and puts up security in the presence of his neighbor.
- ^{20:16}Take a man's garment when he has put up security for a stranger, and hold it in pledge when he puts up security for foreigners.
- ^{22.7}The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.
- ^{22:26}Be not one of those who give pledges, who put up security for debts. ²⁷If you have nothing with which to pay, why should your bed be taken from under you?
- ^{27:13}Take a man's garment when he has put up security for a stranger, and hold it in pledge when he puts up security for an adulteress.
- ²⁷²³Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds, ²⁴for riches do not last forever; and does a crown endure to all generations? ²⁵When the grass is gone and the new growth appears and the vegetation of the mountains is gathered, ²⁶the lambs will provide your clothing, and the goats the price of a field. ²⁷There will be enough goats' milk for your food, for the food of your household and maintenance for your girls.