

Series: Successful Living

Title: The Rich Man and The Poor Man

The opposite of the Rich Man is, the Poor Man.

"POOR": Wholly destitute of property, or not having property sufficient for a comfortable subsistence.

The Opposite of the Poor Man is the Rich Man.

"RICH": Wealthy; possessing a large portion of lands, goods or money. (Lk 12:21)

God's desire is to see Christians prosper! (Prov 10:22)

I. Actions of the Poor Man

- A. Hears Not Rebuke. [Mordecai (Esth 3:2-5)](Prov 13:8)
- B. Refuses Instruction. [Prodigal Son (Lk 15:12-19)]
(Prov 13:18)
- C. Does Not Expect Help. [Bartimaeus (Mk 10:46-52)]
(Prov 18:23)

II. Consequences of the Poor Man

- A. Is Hated By His Neighbor: (Proverbs 14:20; 19:4)
- B. Is Hated By His Brethren. (Proverbs 19:7)
- C. Is Forsaken By His Friends. (Proverbs 19:7)
- D. Is Ruled By The Rich. (Proverbs 22:7)

I. Actions of the Rich Man

- A. Answers Roughly. (Proverbs 18:23)
- B. Rules Over the Poor. (Proverbs 22:7)
- C. Is Wise in His Own Conceit. (Proverbs 28:11)

II. Consequences of the Rich Man.

- A. He Has Friends: (Proverbs 14:20; 19:4)

III. How to become a Poor Man

- A. Be Slothful. (Proverbs 6:9-11; 10:4; 24:30, 34)
"Slack" -remissness, idle, slothful (7423).
- B. Be Selfish and Greedy: (Proverbs 11:24)
- C. Lack Judgment: (Proverbs 13:23)

- D. Love Sleep. (Proverbs 20:13; 23:21)
- E. Love Pleasure: (Proverbs 21:17)
- F. Oppress the Poor or Give to the Rich (Prov 22:16; 28:3)
- G. Be a Drunkard: (Proverbs 23:21)
- H. Be a Glutton: (Proverbs 23:21)

III. How to be rich.

- A. Get wisdom: (Proverbs 3:16; 8:18; 14:24; 24:3-4)
- B. Be Diligent: (Proverbs 10:4)
- C. Have the Blessing of the Lord: (Proverbs 10:22)
- D. Work: (Proverbs 13:11; 23:4-5)
- E. Receive an Inheritance: (Proverbs 19:14)
- F. Be Humble and Fear God: (Proverbs 22:4)

Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the gate: (Proverbs 22:22)

For the LORD will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them. (Proverbs 22:23)

"Spoil" -To cover, defraud; rob.

IV. Warnings in Favor of the Poor Man

A. Give to the Poor.

He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor: happy is he. (Proverbs 14:21)

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. (Prov 19:17)

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. (Proverbs 28:27)

B. You Will Reproach God.

1. When you oppress the poor.

He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor. (Proverbs 14:31)

2. When you mock the poor.

Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished. (Proverbs 17:5)

C. You Will Reap What You Sow.

Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard. (Proverbs 21:13)

D. Rob the Poor and God Will Rob You.

IV. Warnings for the Rich Man

A. Do Not Trust in Riches or You Will Fall.

He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch. (Proverbs 11:28)

B. Do Not Oppress the Poor to Increase Your Riches.

He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want. (Proverbs 22:16)

C. Do Not Give to the Rich.

He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want. (Proverbs 22:16)

D. Do Not Labor to be Rich.

Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. (Proverbs 23:4)

Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. (Proverbs 23:5)

E. Do Not Make Haste to be Rich.

A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. (Prov 28:20)

He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him. (Proverbs 28:22)

V. A Poor Man is Better

A. Than A Fool if He Has Integrity.

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool. (Proverbs 19:1)

B. Than a Liar.

The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar. (Proverbs 19:22)

C. Than a Rich Man Who Walks Uprightly.

Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is -perverse in his ways, though he be rich. (Proverbs 28:6)