**PROVERBS BY TOPICS**

Many topics recur throughout Proverbs. The following pages collect the different Proverbs on the following topics: Riches and Wealth, Poverty, Lifestyle, Giving, Debt, and Savings. The last page is my attempt to analyze the overall implications of what Proverbs says about Giving and to craft an overall statement on how we should view Giving in light of such implications. This attempt is provided as an example only and does not need to be duplicated in its format. When you read Proverbs remember that they are intended as broad generalizations not universals.

Your assignment is to take each of the six different topics and analyze the overall implications of what Proverbs says about such topic and then to craft an overall statement on how we should view such topic in light of such implications. Once you have completed each topic for Proverbs and for Luke (see Luke By Topics assignment), take your overall statements from each topic from each book and craft a master statement about the Bible’s view of money and possessions. This master statement should be no more than one-half of a page single spaced and may be presented in bullet point form.

Please note that I have used the ESV for the verses below. Feel free to use another version of the Bible if you so desire.

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| **RICHES AND WEALTH** | |
| Proverbs 3:9-10 | Honor the Lord from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine |
| Proverbs 3:13-16 | How blessed is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding. For its profit is better than the profit of silver, and its gain than fine gold. She is more precious than jewels; and nothing you desire compares with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor |
| Proverbs 8:10-11 | Take my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choicest gold. For wisdom is better than jewels; and all desirable things cannot compare with her |
| Proverbs 8:18-21 | Riches and honor are with me [wisdom], enduring wealth and righteousness.  My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, and my yield than choicest silver.  I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice, to endow those who love me with wealth, that I may fill their treasuries |
| Proverbs 10:2 | Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death. |
| Proverbs 10:15 | A rich man's wealth is his strong city; the poverty of the poor is their ruin. |
| Proverbs 10:22 | The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it. |
| Proverbs 11:4 | Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death |
| Proverbs 11:16 | A gracious woman gets honor, and violent men get riches. |
| Proverbs 11:18 | The wicked earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness gets a true reward |
| Proverbs 11:24-25 | There is one who scatters, yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, but it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered |
| Proverbs 11:28 | Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf. |
| Proverbs 12:27 | Whoever is slothful will not roast his game, but the diligent man will get precious wealth. |
| Proverbs 13:4 | The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied. |
| Proverbs 13:7 | One pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. |
| Proverbs 13:8 | The ransom of a man's life is his wealth, but a poor man hears no threat. |
| Proverbs 13:11 | Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it. |
| Proverbs 13:21 | Adversity pursues sinners, but the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity |
| Proverbs 14:20 | The poor is disliked even by his neighbor, but the rich has many friends. |
| Proverbs 14:24 | The crown of the wise is their wealth, but the folly of fools brings folly. |
| Proverbs 15:6 | In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but trouble befalls the income of the wicked. |
| Proverbs 15:16 | Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and turmoil with it |
| Proverbs 15:25 | The Lord tears down the house of the proud but maintains the widow's boundaries. |
| Proverbs 15:27 | Whoever is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household, but he who hates bribes will live. |
| Proverbs 16:8 | Better is a little with righteousness than great income with injustice |
| Proverbs 16:16 | How much better it is to get wisdom than gold!  And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver |
| Proverbs 16:19 | It is better to be of humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud |
| Proverbs 18:11 | A rich man’s wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his own imagination |
| Proverbs 18:23 | The poor uses entreaties, but the rich answer roughly. |
| Proverbs 19:1 | Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity, than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool |
| Proverbs 19:4 | Wealth brings many new friends, but a poor man is deserted by his friend. |
| Proverbs 19:6 | Many will entreat the favor of a generous man, and every man is a friend to him who gives gifts |
| Proverbs 19:14 | House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD. |
| Proverbs 20:10 | Unequal weights and unequal measures are both alike an abomination to the Lord. |
| Proverbs 20:15 | There is gold, and an abundance of jewels; but the lips of knowledge are a more precious thing |
| Proverbs 20:17 | Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be full of gravel. |
| Proverbs 20:21 | An inheritance hastily gained in the beginning will not be blessed in the end. |
| Proverbs 20:23 | Unequal weights are an abomination to the Lord, and false scales are not good. |
| Proverbs 21:5 | The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty. |
| Proverbs 21:6 | The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death. |
| Proverbs 21:17 | He who loves pleasure will become a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not become rich. |
| Proverbs 22:1 | A good name is to be more desired than great riches, favor is better than silver and gold |
| Proverbs 22:2 | The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the Maker of them all. |
| Proverbs 22:4 | The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life. |
| Proverbs 22:7 | The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender |
| Proverbs 22:16 | Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty. |
| Proverbs 23:1-3 | 1 When you sit down to eat with a ruler, observe carefully what is before you, 2 and put a knife to your throat if you are given to appetite. 3 Do not desire his delicacies, for they are deceptive food. |
| Proverbs 23:4-5 | Do not desire his delicacies, for they are deceptive food. Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. |
| Proverbs 23:20-21 | 20 Be not among the drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat, 21 for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags. |
| Proverbs 24:3-4 | By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches |
| Proverbs 27:20 | Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, and never satisfied are the eyes of man. |
| Proverbs 27:23-27 | 23 Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds, 24 for riches do not last forever; and does a crown endure to all generations? 25 When the grass is gone and the new growth appears and the vegetation of the mountains is gathered, 26 the lambs will provide your clothing, and the goats the price of a field. 27 There will be enough goats' milk for your food, for the food of your household and maintenance for your girls. |
| Proverbs 28:6 | Better is the poor who walks in his integrity, than he who is crooked though he be rich |
| Proverbs 28:8 | He who increases his wealth by interest and usury, gathers it for him who is gracious to the poor |
| Proverbs 28:11 | A rich man is wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has understanding will find him out. |
| Proverbs 28:12 | When the righteous triumph, there is great glory, but when the wicked rise, people hide themselves. |
| Proverbs 28:20 | A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished. |
| Proverbs 28:22 | A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him. |
| Proverbs 29:24 | The partner of a thief hates his own life; he hears the curse, but discloses nothing. |
| Proverbs 30:7-9 | 7 Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: 8 Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food that is needful for me, 9 lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God. |

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| **POVERTY** |  |
| Proverbs 6:9-11 | 9 How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, 11 and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man. |
| Proverbs 10:4 | A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. |
| Proverbs 10:15 | A rich man's wealth is his strong city; the poverty of the poor is their ruin. |
| Proverbs 12:24 | The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor. |
| Proverbs 13:7 | One pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. |
| Proverbs 13:8 | The ransom of a man's life is his wealth, but a poor man hears no threat. |
| Proverbs 13:18 | Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored. |
| Proverbs 13:23 | The fallow ground of the poor would yield much food, but it is swept away through injustice. |
| Proverbs 14:20 | The poor is disliked even by his neighbor, but the rich has many friends. |
| Proverbs 14:21 | Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor. |
| Proverbs 14:31 | He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he who is gracious to the needy honors Him |
| Proverbs 16:8 | Better is a little with righteousness than great income with injustice |
| Proverbs 17:5 | Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished |
| Proverbs 18:23 | The poor uses entreaties, but the rich answer roughly. |
| Proverbs 19:1 | Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity, than he who is perverse in speech and is a fool |
| Proverbs 19:4 | Wealth brings many new friends, but a poor man is deserted by his friend. |
| Proverbs 19:7 | All 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. |
| Proverbs 19:15 | Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger. |
| Proverbs 19:17 | He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed |
| Proverbs 19:22 | What is desired in a man is steadfast love, and a poor man is better than a liar. |
| Proverbs 20:4 | The sluggard does not plow in autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing. |
| Proverbs 20:13 | Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread. |
| Proverbs 21:5 | The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty. |
| Proverbs 21:13 | He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be answered |
| Proverbs 21:17 | He who loves pleasure will become a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not become rich. |
| Proverbs 21:25 | The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor. |
| Proverbs 22:2 | The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the Maker of them all. |
| Proverbs 22:7 | The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender |
| Proverbs 22:9 | He who is generous will be blessed for he gives some of his food to the poor |
| Proverbs 22:16 | He who oppresses the poor to make much for himself . . . will only come to poverty |
| Proverbs 22:22-23 | Do not rob the poor, because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the Lord will plead their cause and rob of life those who rob them. |
| Proverbs 23:20-21 | 20 Be not among the drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat, 21 for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags. |
| Proverbs 24:30-34 | 30 I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, 31 and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. 32 Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. 33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, 34 and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man. |
| Proverbs 28:3 | A poor man who oppresses the poor is a beating rain that leaves no food |
| Proverbs 28:6 | Better is the poor who walks in his integrity, than he who is crooked though he be rich |
| Proverbs 28:11 | A rich man is wise in his own eyes, but a poor man who has understanding will find him out. |
| Proverbs 28:15 | Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked ruler over poor people |
| Proverbs 28:19 | Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty. |
| Proverbs 28:27 | He who gives to the poor will never want, but he who shuts his eyes will have many curses |
| Proverbs 29:7 | A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge. |
| Proverbs 29:13 | The poor man and the oppressor meet together; the LORD gives light to the eyes of both. |
| Proverbs 29:14 | If a king faithfully judges the poor, his throne will be established forever. |
| Proverbs 30:7-9 | 7 Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: 8 Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food that is needful for me, 9 lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God. |
| Proverbs 30:14 | There are those whose teeth are swords, whose fangs are knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, the needy from among mankind. |
| Proverbs 31:8-9 | 8 Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy. |

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| **LIFESTYLE** |  |
| Proverbs 1:10-16 | 10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. 11 If they say, “Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason; 12 like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; 13 we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder; 14 throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse”— 15 my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths, 16 for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood. |
| Proverbs 1:19 | Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors. |
| Proverbs 3:27-28 | 27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. 28 Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you. |
| Proverbs 6:30-31 | 30 People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his appetite when he is hungry, 31 but if he is caught, he will pay sevenfold; he will give all the goods of his house. |
| Proverbs 6:35 | He [husband of adulteress] will not accept any ransom, nor will he be content though you give many gifts. |
| Proverbs 10:3 | The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked. |
| Proverbs 11:6 | The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the treacherous are taken captive by their lust (greed) |
| Proverbs 12:9 | Better to be lowly and have a servant than to play the great man and lack bread. |
| Proverbs 12:11 | Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense. |
| Proverbs 12:24 | The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor. |
| Proverbs 12:27 | Whoever is slothful will not roast his game, but the diligent man will get precious wealth. |
| Proverbs 13:4 | The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied. |
| Proverbs 14:4 | Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox. |
| Proverbs 14:23 | In all toil there is profit, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame. |
| Proverbs 15:25 | The Lord tears down the house of the proud but maintains the widow's boundaries. |
| Proverbs 15:27 | Whoever is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household, but he who hates bribes will live. |
| Proverbs 16:11 | A just balance and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his work. |
| Proverbs 16:26 | A worker's appetite works for him; his mouth urges him on. |
| Proverbs 17:23 | The wicked accepts a bribe in secret to pervert the ways of justice. |
| Proverbs 19:24 | The sluggard buries his hand in the dish and will not even bring it back to his mouth. |
| Proverbs 20:4 | The sluggard does not plow in autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing. |
| Proverbs 20:17 | Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be full of gravel. |
| Proverbs 22:28 | Do not move the ancient landmark that your fathers have set. |
| Proverbs 23:1-3 | 1 When you sit down to eat with a ruler, observe carefully what is before you, 2 and put a knife to your throat if you are given to appetite. 3 Do not desire his delicacies, for they are deceptive food. |
| Proverbs 23:10 | Do not move an ancient landmark or enter the fields of the fatherless. |
| Proverbs 23:23 | Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding. |
| Proverbs 27:9 | Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel. |
| Proverbs 27:18 | Whoever tends a fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who guards his master will be honored. |
| Proverbs 28:13 | Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. |
| Proverbs 28:19 | Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty. |
| Proverbs 28:22 | A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him. |
| Proverbs 28:24 | Whoever robs his father or his mother and says, "There is no transgression," is a companion to a man who destroys. |
| Proverbs 28:25 | A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the Lord will be enriched. |
| Proverbs 29:3 | He who loves wisdom makes his father glad, but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth. |
| Proverbs 29:4 | By justice a king builds up the land, but he who exacts gifts tears it down. |
| Proverbs 29:24 | The partner of a thief hates his own life; he hears the curse, but discloses nothing. |
| Proverbs 30:15 | The leech has two daughters: Give and Give. Three things are never satisfied; four never say, "Enough;" |

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| **GIVING** |  |
| Proverbs 3:9-10 | Honor the Lord from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine |
| Proverbs 3:27-28 | 27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. 28 Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you. |
| Proverbs 7:14 | I [an adulteress] was due to offer peace offerings; today I have paid my vows |
| Proverbs 11:24-25 | There is one who scatters, yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, but it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered |
| Proverbs 14:21 | Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor. |
| Proverbs 14:31 | He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he who is gracious to the needy honors Him |
| Proverbs 19:6 | Many will entreat the favor of a generous man, and every man is a friend to him who gives gifts |
| Proverbs 19:17 | He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his good deed |
| Proverbs 21:3 | To do righteousness and justice is desired by the Lord rather than sacrifice |
| Proverbs 21:13 | He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be answered |
| Proverbs 22:9 | He who is generous will be blessed for he gives some of his food to the poor |
| Proverbs 22:16 | Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty. |
| Proverbs 25:21, 22 | If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; for you will be heaping burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you |
| Proverbs 28:27 | He who gives to the poor will never want, but he who shuts his eyes will have many curses |
| Proverbs 31:10, 20 | An excellent wife . . . extends her hand to the poor; and she stretches out her hands to the needy |

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| **DEBT** |  |
| Proverbs 6:1-5 | 1 My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, have given your pledge for a stranger, 2 if you are snared in the words of your mouth, caught in the words of your mouth, 3 then do this, my son, and save yourself, for you have come into the hand of your neighbor: go, hasten, and plead urgently with your neighbor. 4 Give your eyes no sleep and your eyelids no slumber; 5 save yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter like a bird from the hand of the fowler. |
| Proverbs 6:30-31 | 30 People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his appetite when he is hungry, 31 but if he is caught, he will pay sevenfold; he will give all the goods of his house. |
| Proverbs 11:15 | Whoever puts up security for a stranger will surely suffer harm, but he who hates striking hands in pledge is secure. |
| Proverbs 17:18 | One who lacks sense gives a pledge and puts up security in the presence of his neighbor. |
| Proverbs 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. |
| Proverbs 22:7 | The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender |
| Proverbs 22:26-27 | 26 Be not one of those who gives pledges, who put up security for debts. 27 If you have nothing with which to pay, why should your bed be taken from under you? |
| Proverbs 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. |
| Proverbs 28:8 | He who increases his wealth by interest and usury, gathers it for him who is gracious to the poor |

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| **SAVING** |  |
| Proverbs 6:6-8 | 6 Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. 7 Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, 8 she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. |
| Proverbs 10:5 | He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame. |
| Proverbs 11:26 | The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it. |
| Proverbs 13:11 | Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it. |
| Proverbs 13:22 | A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, but the sinner’s wealth is laid up for the righteous. |
| Proverbs 17:2 | A servant who deals wisely will rule over a son who acts shamefully and will share the inheritance as one of the brothers. |
| Proverbs 19:14 | House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD. |
| Proverbs 20:4 | The sluggard does not plow in autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing. |
| Proverbs 20:21 | An inheritance hastily gained in the beginning will not be blessed in the end. |
| Proverbs 21:5 | The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty. |
| Proverbs 21:20 | Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it. |
| Proverbs 24:27 | Prepare your work outside; get everything ready for yourself in the field, and after that build your house. |
| Proverbs 27:23-27 | 23 Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds, 24 for riches do not last forever; and does a crown endure to all generations? 25 When the grass is gone and the new growth appears and the vegetation of the mountains is gathered, 26 the lambs will provide your clothing, and the goats the price of a field. 27 There will be enough goats' milk for your food, for the food of your household and maintenance for your girls. |
| Proverbs 28:8 | He who increases his wealth by interest and usury, gathers it for him who is gracious to the poor |
| Proverbs 28:22 | A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him. |
| Proverbs 30:24-25 | 24 Four things on earth are small, but they are exceedingly wise: 25 the ants are a people not strong, yet they provide their food in the summer. |
| Proverbs 31:16, 24 | 16 She [an excellent wife] considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. . . . 24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. |

**Proverbs on Giving (EXAMPLE)**

1. God graciously provides for those who are generous with their wealth and rebukes those who are greedy

What happens when we give:

* When you give to God first, you will have plenty 3:9-10
* When you are generous, you will be watered yourself 11:24-25, 19:17, 25:21-22
* God calls you blessed when you are generous to the poor 14:21, 22:9
* Giving draws people to you 19:6
* When you give to the poor, you will always have enough 28:27

What happens when we refuse to be generous with our possessions:

* We will lack in the end 11:24-25
* If you refuse to give to the poor:
  + When you are in need you will go wanting 21:13
  + Oppressing the poor or favoring the rich leads to poverty 22:16
  + You will receive curses 28:27

As promise filled as giving is, the Lord prefers you to do righteousness and justice more than He desires you to be generous. 21:3

2. Giving to God first and then to people in need around us is expected of everyone who seeks to follow God

Where should we give:

* Give to God first 3:9-10, 7:14
* Give to your enemy 25:21-22
* Give to your neighbors when they have need 3:27-28
* Give to the poor:
  + Not giving to the poor disdains God 14:31
  + Failing to give to the poor results in curses 28:27
  + A good wife will be generous to the poor 31:10, 20

**STATEMENT ON GIVING FROM PROVERBS**:

God desires that we bring our first fruits to Him and that we generously help people in need around us, no matter who they are. When we do this, God provides for us generously both physically and spiritually; when we don’t do this, it will ultimately end up to our detriment both physically and spiritually.

*INSTRUCTOR’S NOTE*: *You don’t need to reference every verse provided, but do consider how they all fit in the overall context you are describing.*