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DAILY DEVOTION **PROSPERITY IN GOD'S WAY**

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PROVERBS 28:19 NLT 19 A hard worker has plenty of food, but a person who chases fantasies ends up in poverty.

The world's way is to "get rich quick" by any means. God's way is slower, but sure, and will not end up destroying you.

JEREMIAH 17:11 NET 11 The person who gathers wealth by unjust means is like the partridge that broods over eggs but does not hatch them. Before his life is half over he will lose his ill-gotten gains. At the end of his life it will be clear he was a fool."

The world's idea of how to get rich is winning a lottery. Yet a careful study of those who have won reveals that it usually ruined their lives, instead of blessing them.

PROVERBS 28:20 NLT 20 The trustworthy person will get a rich reward, but a person who wants guick riches will get into trouble.

PROVERBS 28:22 NLT 22 Greedy people try to get rich quick but don't realize they're headed for poverty.

MATTHEW 6:33 NKJ 33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

In explaining the Kingdom of God, Jesus said it works like a seed planted in the ground. The seed produces a large harvest of increase, but it does not happen overnight. It results from gradual but continuing growth.

MARK 4:30-32 NLT 30 Jesus said, "How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? 31 It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, 32 but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade."

LUKE 16:10 NLT 10 "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.

Those who have been found faithful in handling little are entrusted with more. God's way is not to trust you with more than you can handle. This is because He loves you.

Premature prosperity (before someone is able to handle it) can ruin a life. Money is not evil, but it can buy you more opportunities to do evil.