

Proverbs 12 Handout

"There are people so poor that the only thing they have is money."

Proverbs 22:

2 The rich and poor have this in common: The LORD made them both.

Deuteronomy 8 (NLT)

1 "Be careful to obey all the commands I am giving you today. Then you will live and multiply, and you will enter and occupy the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors.

2 Remember how the LORD your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey his commands.

3 Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

4 For all these forty years your clothes didn't wear out, and your feet didn't blister or swell.

7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land of flowing streams and pools of water, with fountains and springs that gush out in the valleys and hills.

8 It is a land of wheat and barley; of grapevines, fig trees, and pomegranates; of olive oil and honey.

9 It is a land where food is plentiful and nothing is lacking. It is a land where iron is as common as stone, and copper is abundant in the hills.

10 When you have eaten your fill, be sure to praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

11 "But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the LORD your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today.

12 For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in,

13 and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful!

14 Do not become proud at that time and forget the LORD your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt.

15 Do not forget that he led you through the great and terrifying wilderness with its poisonous snakes and scorpions, where it was so hot and dry. He gave you water from the rock!

16 He fed you with manna in the wilderness, a food unknown to your ancestors. He did this to humble you and test you for your own good.

17 He did all this so you would never say to yourself, 'I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.'

18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his

covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

19 "But I assure you of this: If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods, worshiping and bowing down to them, you will certainly be destroyed.

Philippians 4:11–12

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Dear Ann,

Sometimes you feel lonely and unloved in a marriage – even after 23 years. You feel as if there's got to be more to life, so you set out to find someone who can make you blissfully happy. You believe you have found that someone and decide he is exactly what you want. So you pack up and say good bye to your 23 year marriage and all the friends you made when you were part of the couple.

You live the glorious life for a few years, and then, a light bulb goes on in your empty head. You realize that you have exactly the life you had before – the only difference is that you've lost your friends, your children's respect, and the best friend you loved and shared everything with for 23 years. And you miss him. You cannot undo what has been done, so you settle for a lonely and loveless life with emptiness in your heart.

Ann, please print my letter so others won't give up something that is truly precious – and let them know that they won't know how precious it is until they have thrown it away.

Heavyhearted in Philly.

I had no shoes and complained
until I met a man who
had no feet.

Proverbs 30:7-9

"Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die:

Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.

9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord

Proverbs 30:9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

We pray for you
in your prosperity.

"He is rich or poor according
to what he is, not according
to what he has." ~ Henry Ward
Beecher

Proverbs 28:6 Better the poor whose walk is blameless than the rich whose ways are perverse...

11 The rich are wise in their own eyes; one who is poor and discerning sees how deluded they are.

Proverbs 19:1 Better the poor whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse...

Billy Graham said:

"We are rich in the things that perish, but poor in the

things of the spirit. We are rich in gadgets, but poor in faith. We are rich in goods, but poor in grace. We are rich in know-how, but poor in character. We are rich in words, but poor in deeds.”

Jesus said that our life does not consist in the material possession we have. Our peace of mind, our joy, our happiness, our comfort, and our eternal destiny does not depend upon our earthly possessions.

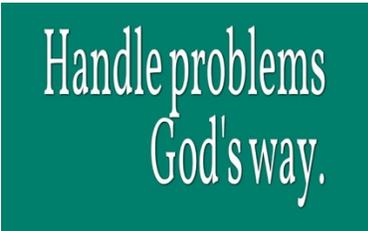
Proverbs 8:34-36

34 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

Joshua 1:7-8

7 Only you be strong and very courageous, that you may do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.



Handle problems
God's way.

Refocus your thinking
to God's way of
thinking.

Proverbs 8:35 For whoever finds me [Wisdom] finds life and draws forth and obtains favor from the Lord.

36 But he who misses me or sins against me wrongs and injures himself; all who hate me love and court death.

Proverbs 1:20–21

20 Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares;

21 at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech...

9:1-6 Wisdom has built her [spacious and sufficient] house;

She has hewn out *and* set up her seven pillars.

**She has prepared her food, she has mixed her wine;
She has also set her table.**

**She has sent out her maidens, she calls
From the highest places of the city:**

**“Whoever is naive *or* inexperienced, let him turn in here!”
As for him who lacks understanding, she says,**

**“Come, eat my food
And drink the wine I have mixed [and accept my gifts].**

**“Leave [behind] your foolishness [and the foolish] and live,
And walk in the way of insight *and* understanding.”**