

# Proverbs 1:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

## Analysis

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The enticement's promise: 'We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil.' Greed appeals through materialism's false promise—wealth will satisfy and security will follow. The emphasis on 'all' and 'fill' reveals covetousness' illusion of ultimate satisfaction through accumulation. Yet Ecclesiastes declares such pursuits vanity. Only God satisfies the human heart; material 'precious substance' proves empty. This temptation continues: prosperity gospel and get-rich-quick schemes exploit the same fallen desire.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern economies were largely subsistence-based; sudden wealth through plunder represented transformative opportunity. 'Precious substance' included gold, silver, garments, and valuable trade goods. 'Spoil' refers to plunder from violent robbery. Solomon, having tested wealth's promises, warns that ill-gotten gain destroys rather than satisfies. His royal perspective lends authority to this warning against materialism.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does the promise of 'all precious substance' reveal covetousness' lie that material wealth brings ultimate satisfaction?
2. What does the appeal to 'fill our houses' teach us about consumerism's empty promise that accumulation produces contentment?

## Interlinear Text

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שָׁלֵל: בַּתְּ יִצְחָק  
H3605 substance H1952 all precious H3368 We shall find H4672  
נִמְצָא אָנָּנוּ תִּמְלִא אָנוּ  
H4390 we shall fill H1004 our houses H7998 with spoil

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 12:15** (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he posseseth.

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