

Proverbs 13:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

Analysis

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the just. Righteous persons build generational wealth blessing grandchildren. Sinners accumulate wealth that ultimately transfers to the righteous. This verse encourages long-term perspective - building legacy extending beyond one's lifetime. It also promises redistribution - wickedly gained wealth eventually reaches righteous hands through divine providence.

Historical Context

Reflects biblical pattern where wicked persons' wealth transfers to the righteous (think Exodus, where Egypt's wealth came to Israel). Covenant theology promised generational blessing for faithfulness.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What inheritance are you building for your grandchildren - financial and spiritual?
2. How does this long-term perspective affect your current financial and moral decisions?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Ecclesiastes 2:26 (Sin): For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

Proverbs 28:8 (Righteousness): He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

Psalms 112:2 (Parallel theme): His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Psalms 37:25 (Righteousness): I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

Ezra 9:12 (Good): Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.

Psalms 128:6 (Parallel theme): Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

Psalms 102:28 (Parallel theme): The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

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