

# WEALTH

## *Gold, Money, Possessions and Riches*

### 1. ESSENCE

- 5855 He is richest who is content with the least,  
for content is the wealth of nature.  
Socrates (B.C. 469-399)
- 5856 Wealth consists not in having great possessions,  
but in having few wants.  
Epicurus (B.C. 341-270)
- 5857 Who gives to friends so much from Fate secures,  
That is the only wealth for ever yours.  
Martial (43-104 A.D.)
- 5858 A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world.  
Mohammed (570-632 A.D.)
- 5859 Every man is rich or poor according to the proportion  
between his desires and his enjoyments.  
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 5860 Money is human happiness in the abstract.  
Schopenhauer (1788-1860)

### 2. OPPOSITES

- 5861 Money is a handmaiden, if thou knowest how to use it;  
a mistress, if thou knowest not.  
Horace (B.C. 65-8)
- 5862 It is easy at any moment to resign the possession of a  
great fortune; to acquire it is difficult and arduous.  
Livy (B.C. 59-17 A.D.)
- 5863 As long as you have wealth, everyone is your friend;  
If your fortune declines, everyone is your foe,  
An island of precious metals is visited from afar;  
When a lake dries up, everyone leaves.  
Saskya Pandita (1182-1251)
- 5864 Great riches have sold more men than they have bought.  
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 5865 If thou art rich, thou art poor;  
for, like an ass, whose back with ingots bows,  
thou bearest the heavy riches but a journey,  
and death unloads thee.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)

- 5866 He is rich whose income is more than his expenses;  
and he is poor whose expenses exceed his income.  
La Bruyere (1645-1696)
- 5867 Riches exclude only one inconvenience,  
and that is poverty.  
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 5868 Equity money is dynamic and debt money is static.  
Burke (1729-1797)
- 5869 It isn't enough for you to love money -  
it's also necessary that money should love you.  
Mayer Rothschild (1743-1812)
- 5870 Riches amassed in haste will diminish,  
but those collected by little and little will multiply.  
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 5871 Gold, like the sun, which melts wax and hardens clay,  
expands great souls and contracts bad hearts.  
Antoine de Rivaroli (1753-1801)
- 5872 It is far more easy to acquire fortune like a knave  
than to expend it like a gentleman.  
Colton (1780-1832)
- 5873 In this world, it is not what we take up,  
but what we give up, that makes us rich.  
Beecher (1813-1878)
- 5874 With money a dragon  
Without money a worm.  
Chinese Proverb

### 3. INSIGHT

- 5875 Nature hath hid gold beneath the earth, as unworthy to be  
seen; silver hath she placed where thou tramplest it under  
thy feet. Meaneth she not by this to inform thee, that  
gold is not worthy thy regard, and that silver is beneath  
thy notice?  
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 5876 Riches certainly make themselves wings;  
they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.  
Proverbs (B.C. 1000?-200?)
- 5877 Money lost is bewailed with unfeigned tears.  
Juvenal (40-125 A.D.)

- 5878 Money is like manure, of very little use except it be spread.  
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 5879 All wealth is the product of labor.  
John Locke (1632-1704)
- 5880 Much learning shows how little mortals know;  
Much wealth, how little worldlings can enjoy.  
Young (1683-1765)
- 5881 When is is a question of money, everybody is of the same religion.  
Voltaire (1694-1778)
- 5882 If you would know the value of money,  
go and try to borrow some.  
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 5883 As wealth is power, so all power will infallibly draw wealth to itself by some means or other.  
Burke (1729-1797)
- 5884 Many people take no care of their money till they come nearly to the end of it.  
Others do just the same with their time.  
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 5885 Our incomes are like our shoes;  
if too small, they gall and pinch us;  
but if too large, they cause us to stumble and to trip.  
Colton (1780-1832)
- 5886 If rich men would remember that shrouds have no pockets, they would, while living, share their wealth with their children, and give for the good of others, and so know the highest pleasure wealth can give.  
Tryon Edwards (1809-1894)
- 5887 The use we make of our fortune determines as to its sufficiency. - A little is enough if used wisely, and too much if expended foolishly.  
Bovee (1820-1904)
- 5888 Money has little value to its possessor unless it also has value to others.  
Leland Stanford (1824-1893)

- 5889 Everyone, even the richest and most munificent of men,  
pays much by check more lightheartedly than he pays little  
in cash.  
Max Beerbohm (1872-1956)
- 5890 Earned money - best.  
Inherited money - not so good.  
Brother's money - bad.  
Woman's money - worst.  
Eastern Proverb
- 4. POSITIVE**
- 5891 Wealth is of all things the most esteemed by men and has the  
greatest power of all things in the world.  
Euripides (B.C. 480-406)
- 5892 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry;  
but money answereth all things.  
Ecclesiastes (B.C. 300?)
- 5893 There is no fortress so strong that money cannot take it.  
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 5894 Though authority be stubborn as a bear,  
yet he is oft led by the nose with gold.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 5895 For they say, if money go before, all ways do lie open.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 5896 There's no fence or fortress against an ass laden with gold.  
James Howell (1595-1666)
- 5897 Money brings honor, friends, conquest, and realms.  
Milton (1608-1674)
- 5898 A heavy purse makes a light heart.  
English Proverb
- 5899 Let all the learn'd say what they can,  
'Tis ready money makes the man;  
Commands respect where'er we go,  
And gives a grace to all we do.  
William Somerville (1675-1742)
- 5900 Men are seldom more innocently employed  
than when they are honestly making money.  
Johnson (1709-1784)

- 5901 Ready money is Aladdin's lamp.  
Byron (1788-1824)
- 5902 The desire of gold is not for gold.  
It is for the means of freedom and benefit.  
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 5903 Property is desirable, is a positive good in the world.  
Lincoln (1809-1865)
- 5904 Wealth may be an ancient thing, for it means power,  
it means leisure, it means liberty.  
James Lowell (1819-1891)
- 5905 Possession means to sit astride the world  
Instead of having it astride of you.  
Charles Kingsley (1819-1875)
- 5906 It is better to have old secondhand diamonds than none  
at all.  
Mark Twain (1835-1910)
- 5907 When I was young I thought that money was the most important  
thing in life; now that I am old I know that it is.  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
- 5908 Money is the most important thing in the world. It  
represents health, strength, honor, generosity and beauty  
as conspicuously as the want of it represents illness,  
weakness, disgrace, meanness and ugliness.  
G. B. Shaw (1856-1950)
- 5909 Money is like a sixth sense - and you can't make use of the  
other five without it.  
Somerset Maugham (1874-1965)
- 5910 Private property was the original source of freedom.  
It still is its main bulwark.  
Walter Lippmann (1889-1974)
- 5911 In all the world people enjoy salt and money.  
Chinese Proverb
- 5912 Heat comes equally to all...  
Cold respects the rich man's furs.  
Chinese Proverb

**5. NEGATIVE**

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- 5913 The earth is barren of good things where she hoardeth up treasure; where gold is in her bowels, there no herb groweth.  
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 5914 There is always danger in circumstances of abundance. The inferior man pushes forward through excessive ambition, thereby losing touch with men of talent and virtue in positions below him.  
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 5915 The rich fool is like a pig that is choked by its own fat.  
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)
- 5916 The love of money is the mother of all evil.  
Phocylides (fl. B.C. 540)
- 5917 Wealth is the parent of luxury and indolence, and poverty of meanness and viciousness, and both of discontent.  
Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)
- 5918 It is better for you to be free of fear lying upon a pallet, than to have a golden couch and a rich table and be full of trouble.  
Epicurus (B.C. 341-270)
- 5919 Riches destroy the foolish, if they look not for the other shore; by his thirst for riches the foolish man destroys himself as if he were his own enemy.  
The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)
- 5920 To despise money on some occasions is a very great pain.  
Terence (B.C. 185-159)
- 5921 A great fortune is a great servitude.  
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 5922 Riches do not exhilarate us so much with their possession as they torment us with their loss.  
Gregory I (540-604)
- 5923 As to those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in God's path, give them, then, the tidings of a painful agony: on a day when these things shall be heated in hell-fire, and their foreheads, and their sides, and their backs shall be branded therewith.  
Koran (c. 651 A.D.)

- 5924 When a man becomes too famous for his riches,  
He is destroyed by his wealth.  
It is common that rich men are assaulted,  
But beggars pass through without harm.  
Saskya Pandita (1182-1251)
- 5925 Great abundance of riches cannot be gathered and kept by any  
man without sin.  
Erasmus (1466-1536)
- 5926 A son can bear with equanimity the loss of his father,  
but the loss of his inheritance may drive him to despair.  
Machiavelli (1469-1527)
- 5927 Worldly wealth is the Devil's bait; and those whose minds  
feed upon riches recede, in general, from real happiness,  
in proportion as their stores increase, as the moon,  
when she is fullest, is farthest from the sun.  
Robert Burton (1576-1640)
- 5928 He that is proud of riches is a fool. For if he be exalted  
above his neighbors because he hath more gold, how much  
inferior is he to a gold mine.  
Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667)
- 5929 Gold begets in brethren hate;  
Gold in families debate;  
Gold does friendship separate;  
Gold does civil wars create.  
Abraham Cowley (1618-1667)
- 5930 They who are of the opinion that Money will do everything,  
may very well be suspected to do everything for Money.  
Halifax (1633-1695)
- 5931 There is a burden of care in getting riches;  
fear of keeping them; temptation in using them;  
guilt in abusing them, sorrow in losing them;  
and a burden of account at last to be given concerning them.  
Matthew Henry (1662-1714)
- 5932 If Heaven had looked upon riches to be a valuable thing,  
it would not have given them to such scoundrels.  
Swift (1667-1745)
- 5933 Gold glitters most where virtue shines no more,  
as stars from absent suns have leave to shine.  
Young (1683-1765)

- 5934 Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it.  
There is nothing in its nature to produce happiness.  
The more a man has, the more he wants.  
Instead of its filling a vacuum, it makes one.  
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 5935 If you make money your god,  
it will plague you like the devil.  
Henry Fielding (1707-1754)
- 5936 Money and time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the  
unhappiest of all mortals are those who have more of either  
than they know how to use.  
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 5937 It is only when the rich are sick  
that they fully feel the impotence of wealth.  
Colton (1780-1832)
- 5938 The deepest depth of vulgarism is that of setting up  
money as the ark of the covenant.  
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 5939 Money often costs too much.  
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 5940 Money is not required to buy one necessity of the soul.  
Thoreau (1817-1862)
- 5941 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle,  
than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.  
Mark 10:25 (50?-100? A.D.)
- 5942 Money may be the husk of many things, but not the kernel.  
It brings you food, but not appetite; medicine, but not  
health; acquaintance, but not friends; servants, but not  
loyalty; days of joy, but not peace or happiness.  
Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906)
- 5943 It has been said that the love of money is the root of all  
evil. The want of money is so quite as truly.  
Samuel Butler (1835-1902)
- 5944 The pride of dying rich raises the loudest laugh in hell.  
John Foster (1836-1917)
- 5945 Misery assails riches, as lightning does the highest towers;  
or as a tree that is heavy laden with fruit breaks its  
own boughs, so riches destroy the virtue of their possessor.  
Richard E. Burton (1861-1940)

- 5946 The only thing I like about rich people is their money.  
Nancy Astor (1879-1964)
- 5947 Money can help you to get medicines  
but not health.  
Money can help you to get soft pillows,  
but not sound sleep.  
Money can help you to get material comforts,  
but not eternal bliss.  
Money can help you to get ornaments,  
but not beauty.  
Money will help you to get an electric earphone,  
but not natural hearing.  
Attain the supreme wealth, wisdom;  
you will have everything.  
Sivananda (born 1887)

## 6. ADVICE

- 5948 Neither let prosperity put out the eyes of circumspection,  
nor abundance cut off the hands of frugality;  
he that too much indulgeth in the superfluities of life,  
shall live to lament the want of its necessities.  
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 5949 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall.  
Proverbs (B.C. 1000?-200?)
- 5950 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where  
moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and  
steal, but lay up for yourself treasures in heaven, where  
neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not  
break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there  
will your heart be also.  
Jesus (B.C. 6?-30? A.D.)
- 5951 Six faults ought to be avoided by a man seeking prosperity  
in this world: sleep, sloth, fear, anger, laziness,  
prolixity.  
The Hitopadesa (600?-1100? A.D.)
- 5952 Money was made, not to command our will,  
But all our lawful pleasures to fulfill.  
Shame and woe to us, if we our wealth obey;  
The horse doth with the horseman away.  
Abraham Cowley (1618-1667)

- 5953 The way to wealth is as plain as the way to market.  
It depends chiefly on two words, industry and frugality;  
that is, waste neither time nor money, but make the best use  
of both. Without industry and frugality, nothing will do;  
and with them, everything.  
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 5954 Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it.  
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 5955 Life is short.  
The sooner that a man begins to enjoy his wealth the better.  
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 5956 It requires a great deal of boldness and a great deal of  
caution to make a great fortune; and when you have got it,  
it requires ten times as much wit to keep it.  
Mayer Rothschild (1743-1812)
- 5957 Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust.  
Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)
- 5958 It's good to have money and the things money can buy. But  
it's good too, to check up once in a while and make sure  
you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.  
George Lorimer (1868-1937)

## 7. POTPOURRI

- 5959 He that giveth away his treasure wisely, giveth away his  
plagues: he that retaineth their increase, heapeth up  
sorrow.  
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 5960 Accursed thirst for gold!  
what dost thou not compel mortals to do?  
Vergil (B.C. 70-19)
- 5961 Truly now is the golden age;  
the highest honour comes by means of gold;  
by gold love is procured.  
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)
- 5962 One's desire to be attractive and happy  
And to enjoy the pleasures of wealth,  
Is like the foolishness of a drunken person,  
Who, though healthy, must be carried.  
Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)

- 5963 And as for him who is covetous and desirous of riches,  
and denieth the Best, we will speed him onward to trouble;  
and his riches shall not avail him when he falleth down  
into Hell.  
Koran (c. 651 A.D.)
- 5964 Can wealth give happiness? look round and see  
What gay distress! what splendid misery!  
Whatever fortunes lavishly can pour,  
The mind annihilates, and calls for more.  
Young (1683-1765)
- 5965 I am indeed rich, since my income is superior to my expense,  
and my expense is equal to my wishes.  
Gibbon (1737-1794)
- 5966 I have mental joys and mental health,  
Mental friends and mental wealth,  
I've a wife that I love and that loves me;  
I've all but riches bodily.  
William Blake (1757-1828)
- 5967 Many speak the truth when they say that they despise riches,  
but they mean the riches possessed by other men.  
Colton (1780-1832)
- 5968 Without a rich heart wealth is an ugly beggar.  
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 5969 The seven deadly sins...Food, clothing, firing, rent, taxes,  
respectability and children. Nothing can lift those seven  
millstones from man's neck but money; and the spirit cannot  
soar until the millstones are lifted.  
G. B. Shaw (1856-1950)
- 5970 Money is always there but the pockets change;  
it is not in the same pockets after a change,  
and that is all there is to say about money.  
Gertrude Stein (1874-1946)
- 5971 Nobody was ever meant  
To remember or invent  
What he did with every cent.  
Robert Frost (1875-1963)
- 5972 Wealth - any income that is at least one hundred dollars  
more a year than the income of one's wife's sister's  
husband.  
H. L. Mencken (1880-1956)
- 5973 Money comes like sand scooped with a needle...  
Money goes like sand washed by water.  
Chinese Proverb