

RUSHING YOUR WAY TO POVERTY

Proverbs 21:5

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Proverbs 21:5 says, "*The plans of hard-working people earn a profit, but those who act too quickly become poor.*"

It is possible to rush your way to poverty. Moving carelessly will quicken your route to poverty. Making vague plans moves you closer to poverty. Making impulsive decisions strengthens the possibility to inherit poverty.

Have you ever heard of the term, "*haste makes waste?*" In actuality, haste produces poverty. Wealth is created **SLOW AND STEADY**, not fast and reckless.

Becoming anxious to get rich will lead you down the road to poverty. Think about it. How many people win the

lottery? Not many, and the people who do win lose their wealth within two years and return to being broke because they did not learn to manage wealth.

How many people go into debt following get rich quick schemes? Many. When you see advertisements and ideas of people promoting fast money, beware! Fast money produces major poverty.

START NOW

LASTING wealth is accumulated slow and steady. If you want your wealth to last, **START NOW!** Sit down and count the cost before you move in action. Develop a well thought out plan before you make a move.

A wise person measures ten times so they can cut once rather than measure once and cut ten times. The power of planning is the difference between being wealthy and poor. Success is **NOT** an accident. It is a scheduled event.

If you do not prepare for success you will never get it. If you do not plan for success it will never happen. This is why you need to start now. Write the vision and make it plain.

Only foolish people drive their car without a destination. Only foolish people attend college without focusing on a major. Only foolish people gather resources and waste them on unproductive activities.

Making **CASUAL** decisions and not intentional decisions is a recipe for poverty. Foolishness will always produce impoverished results.

DECISIONS

What type of decisions do you make? You may make casual decisions **AND** intentional decisions. You may be thinking, what is the big deal? Everything is not serious.

You're right, everything is not serious. However, everything is **STRATEGIC**! Decisions are like puzzle pieces. Every piece matters because it's linked to another piece.

The decisions you make will always trigger a reaction you have to deal with. This is why you do not have the luxury in making casual decisions. Casual decisions are choices you make **WITHOUT** thinking. They are impulsive, rash and rushed.

When you make these choices you trigger a set of events that leads you down the road to poverty. Here's an example. If you are making plans to buy a house and you currently live in an apartment but you fall for the temptation of buying a new luxury vehicle this is an impulsive purchase.

This purchase has changed the next piece in your puzzle. With buying this new car, you are forced to save less than

you were saving. You are forced to work harder to maintain your goal and your new purchase.

The upkeep on the vehicle will cause you to struggle and worry more. Now, you are financially poor because you are robbing Peter to pay Paul. You are mentally poor because you are void of financial peace. You are emotionally poor because you are **CONSTANTLY** frustrated and discouraged.

One casual and impulsive decision produces chain reactions. Unfortunately, this is how many people rush their way to poverty. To avoid this reality, honor your decisions by making **CONSCIOUS** plans for them.

Produce the chain reactions that will cause you to prosper, live in peace, celebrate in joy, smile with gladness and feel invigorated. Do not rush your way to poverty. Run toward righteousness and righteousness will lead you toward prosperity.

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