

Proverb of the Week

Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble with it. – Proverbs 15:16 (ESV)

Note that this Proverb does not state that being in poverty is better than being rich, but rather that being poor coupled **with** a proper fear of the Lord is **better** than being rich when those riches cause trouble. Great riches certainly can be the source of many problems for those who possess them, particularly if they do not also possess the fear of the Lord. In fact, it seems that great treasure is often a curse to those who possess them without the benefit of Christ in their lives.

Robert Hawker (1753-1827) notes this in his commentary on the proverb: “Better is it to sit down to the poorest table where Jesus is, and his love manifested in blessing the scanty fare, than all the luxuries of unsanctified fullness. ... If we eye Christ in everything, then shall we truly enjoy Christ in everything.”

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