



# THE NEW NORMAL

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS SERIES

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“What you read in the newspapers is in  
your Bible” – Bishop TD Jakes

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## Proverbs

**10:4** “A slack hand causes poverty,  
but the hand of the diligent makes rich.”

**12:11** “Whoever works their land will have plenty of bread,  
but those who follow worthless pursuits lack sense.”

**13:4** “The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing,  
while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.”

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## Proverbs

**12:24** “The hand of the diligent will rule,  
while the slothful will be put to forced labour.”

**12:27** “Whoever is slothful will not roast their game,  
But the diligent person will get precious wealth.”

**21:5** “The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance,  
But everyone who is hasty comes to poverty.”

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Being diligent means caring enough  
about your work to work hard  
and to get better at it.

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## Colossians 3:22-24

- <sup>22</sup> Slaves [servants], obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent **fear of the Lord**.
- <sup>23</sup> Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.
- <sup>24</sup> Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

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Measure your results,  
not your time & energy.

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## Proverbs

**22:1** “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.”

**12:27** “A good man leaves an inheritance for his children’s children,  
but the sinner’s wealth is laid up for the righteous.”

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## Luke 14:13 & 14

“No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.



Character is better than resources.

Use your resources to develop your  
character and to bless others.

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“God does not need your money;  
He wants what it represents...you...”

– PS Paul Chappell

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## Proverbs 19:8

To acquire wisdom is to love yourself,  
people who cherish understanding will prosper.