

***Dishonest money dwindles away,  
but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.***

Proverbs 23:17-18; "Do not let your heart **envy** sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD. There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off." 5. James 3:14-16; "But if you have bitter **envy** and selfish ambition in your heart, don't brag and deny the truth.

What does the Bible have to say about the ordinary events of life?

Have you been hearing about the wild changes in prices in stocks like Blackberry and Gamestop because two groups of people are buying up the stock (which tends to push the price up) and the hedge managers (shorting the stock hoping the price will go down). Two groups warring over stocks and investments.

The principle of wisdom lays down certain principles. Godliness and contentment is great gain. God gives gifts and skills to people who are to use those gifts to bring honour and glory to God. By working we learn to provide but recognize that each gift we have is from above.

The biblical principle is you work, you give, you save and recognize with thankful hearts all of these are from the Lord.

God commends us to love all people (all kinds of people) so the rich don't look down their noses at the poorer and become proud. Rather, they desire to share their good fortune with others. The poorer (income inequality) don't allow envy to find a place in their hearts and become bitter about their lot. Through work, faith, use of skills try to improve their lot and recognizing that all of us share One Father in heaven.

So let the hedge managers and the social media people battle it out. God is my hiding place and He promises to keep me from the evil intent of others and I choose to trust rather than to speculate with what he has placed in my hands.

Keep trusting. Let Him be your hiding place, your shelter. Cultivate thanksgiving and faith. Let Him be the captain of your soul and you will ride out this storm well. Ponder some of these truths from the Psalms.

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