

The Reading List

Ten books. One rule: wisdom before wealth.

"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight."

— Proverbs 4:7 (NIV)

START HERE — FOUNDATIONS

01 The Richest Man in Babylon

George S. Clason

The closest thing to Solomon in modern form. Pay yourself first, avoid debt, multiply your gold — every principle maps directly back to Proverbs. This is the starting point.

"Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow." — Proverbs 13:11

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02 I Will Teach You To Be Rich

Ramit Sethi

The master plan Solomon describes in Proverbs 21:5, made practical for today. Automation, conscious spending, no guilt. A system that actually works.

"The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty." — Proverbs 21:5

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03 The Psychology of Money

Morgan Housel

Solomon said 'guard your heart' because every financial decision flows from it. This book proves him right with 20 behavioural lessons about how people actually think about wealth — and where it goes wrong.

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." — Proverbs 4:23

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04 The Little Book of Common Sense Investing

John C. Bogle

Ecclesiastes 11:2 — diversify. This is how. Bogle builds the case for index funds with the patience and conviction Solomon would have respected. Slow money. Proven over decades.

"Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come." — Ecclesiastes 11:2

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05 Your Money or Your Life

Vicki Robin & Joe Dominguez

Proverbs 23:4 warns against wearing yourself out chasing wealth. This book recalibrates the relationship entirely — turning money from a source of anxiety into a tool for a life you actually want.

"Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness." — Proverbs 23:4

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06 The Millionaire Next Door

Thomas J. Stanley & William D. Danko

Proverbs 12:9 — the quiet wealth nobody posts about. The data consistently shows that real wealth looks nothing like what social media tells you. Solomon would not be surprised.

"Better to be a nobody and yet have a servant than to pretend to be somebody and have no food." — Proverbs 12:9

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DEEPEN YOUR THINKING

07 Thinking, Fast and Slow

Daniel Kahneman

Solomon asked God for wisdom over riches because he understood the dangers of reactive thinking. Kahneman maps the exact brain mechanisms behind every poor financial decision you have ever made.

"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding." — Proverbs 4:7

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08 Die With Zero

Bill Perkins

Proverbs 30:8-9 — the enough threshold. A direct challenge to pure accumulation. Not everyone will agree with it, and that is the point. Wisdom means examining the assumptions you have never questioned.

"Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread." — Proverbs 30:8-9

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CHARACTER & WEALTH

09 The Almanack of Naval Ravikant

Eric Jorgenson

Proverbs 22:29 — skill before position. Naval's framework for building specific knowledge and wealth through character mirrors Solomon's principles more closely than almost any finance book.

"Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings." — Proverbs 22:29

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10 Essentialism

Greg McKeown

Proverbs 4:25 — look straight ahead. Not everything deserves your time, money, or attention. This book builds the discipline of elimination — which Solomon practised before the word existed.

"Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you." — Proverbs 4:25

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Start with number one and read in order. Wisdom compounds the same way money does — a little at a time, consistently, until one day the picture is complete.

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