

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

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.

[Foundation]

Proverbs anchor: Proverbs 13:11

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.

[Foundation] [Strategy]

Proverbs anchor: Proverbs 21:5

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.

[Mindset]

Proverbs anchor: Proverbs 4:23

BUILD YOUR STRATEGY

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.

[Strategy]

Proverbs anchor: Ecclesiastes 11:2

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.

[Mindset] [Strategy]

Proverbs anchor: Proverbs 23:4

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.

[Strategy]

Proverbs anchor: Proverbs 12:9

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.

[Mindset] [Advanced]

Proverbs anchor: Proverbs 4:7

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.

[Advanced]

Proverbs anchor: Proverbs 30:8-9

CHARACTER AND 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.

[Character] [Strategy]

Proverbs anchor: Proverbs 22:29

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.

[Character]

Proverbs anchor: Proverbs 4:25

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