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***“I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it’s not the answer.”***

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## Proverbs 11:24-25

- 24 **One person gives freely, yet gains even more;**  
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- 25 A generous person will prosper;  
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## Proverbs 3:9-10

- <sup>9</sup> “Honor the Lord with your wealth,  
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- <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
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