

Subscript

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Wealth

mean man; *
at use is gold?
e collects for others,
stranger will revel. *
ous who is stingy

is his own?
e who is stingy

rliness.
by mistake;
s his greed.
are is too small;

r 2 Cor 6, 14ff.
s Prv 15, 13.
t Sir 19, 15; 2.
u Eccl 6, 2.
v Prv 3

Sir 4, 1; Tb 4, 7.
Ps 103; 14ff; Is 40, 6; Jas
1, 10; 1 Pt 1, 24.
1, 4.
2 Ps 1, 2.

13, 17: Hostility between the dogs which guard the flocks at night and the rapacious hyenas is proverbial in Palestine.

14, 3-16: The miser does no good even to himself (3-10); wealth should be wisely used during life, for it must be left behind at death (11-16). In the light of the gospel, generosity has a higher motivation and promise of reward than the Old Testament writer could propose. Cf Mt 6, 19ff; Lk 12, 32ff.

14, 20-15, 20: From his social teaching the sage now turns to consider individual responsibility. Happiness is to be found in the pursuit and possession of wisdom (14, 20-15, 5). Joy and honor are given, not to the sinner (7ff), but to him who fears God and observes his law (1-6, 10). The sinner is fully responsible for his conduct (11ff, 20); he gives to every man the liberty to choose between good and evil (14-17).

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