

ECONOMICS, BEST QUOTES ON

It is hard to interest those who have everything in those who have nothing.

--Helen Keller

We were poor back then. Not living in a cardboard carton poor, not 'we might have to eat the dog' poor, but still poor. Poor like, no insurance poor, and going to McDonald's was a really big excitement poor, wearing socks for gloves in the winter poor, and collecting nickels and dimes from the washing machine because we never got allowance, that kind of poor... poor enough to be nostalgic about poverty.

—Rebecca McNutt

The Golden Rule: He who has the gold makes the rules.

--Johnny Hart

Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery.

--Charles Dickens

It's a kind of spiritual snobbery that makes people think they can be happy without money.

--Albert Camus

The only thing that hurts more than paying an income tax is not having to pay an income tax.

--Lord Thomas R.
Duwar

The only people who claim that money is not important are people who have enough money so that they are relieved of the ugly burden of thinking about it.

--Joyce Carol Oates

Men do not realize how great an income thrift is.

--Cicero

I'm proud to pay taxes in the United States; the only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the money.

--Arthur Godfrey

Whoever said money can't buy happiness didn't know where to shop.

--Gertrude Stein

Behind every great fortune there is a crime.

--Honoré de Balzac

The world at large does not judge us by who we are and what we know; it judges us by what we have.

—Dr. Joyce Brothers

The present tax structure is a disgrace to this country. It's just a welfare program for the rich.

--Jimmy Carter

I am indeed rich since my income is superior to my expense, and my expense is equal to my wishes.

--Edward Gibbon

All I ask is the chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

--Spike Milligan

There are two nations between whom there is no intercourse and no sympathy; who are as ignorant of each other's habits, thoughts, and feelings, as if they were dwellers in different zones, or inhabitants of different planets; who are formed by a different breeding, are fed by a different food, are ordered by different manners, and are not governed by the same laws...THE RICH AND THE POOR.

--Benjamin Disraeli

The only people in this country who worry more about money than the poor are the very wealthy. They worry about losing it, they worry about how it's invested, they worry about the effect it's going to have. And as the zeros increase, the dilemmas get bigger.

--Robert A. Kenny

It's not your salary that makes you rich, it's your spending habits.

—Charles A. Jaffe

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

—Lana Turner

To struggle financially is a source of shame, a daily humiliation—even a form of social suicide. Silence is the only protection.

—Neal Gabler

Dramatically raising workers' wages, won't lead to fewer jobs. It will lead to more jobs, because workers who have more money will create demand for more products and services, thereby creating a 'positive feedback loop' of prosperity.

—Nick Hanauer

Poverty is the openmouthed relentless hell which yawns beneath civilized society.

--Henry George

The interests of an economically dominant class never stand naked. They are enshrouded in the flag, fortified by the law, protected by the police, nurtured by the media, taught by the schools, and blessed by the church.

--Michael Parenti

For each of the four hundred and four bodily ailments celebrated physicians have produced infallible remedies, but the malady which brings the greatest distress to mankind—to even the wisest and cleverest of us—is the plague of poverty.

--Ihara Saikaku

There's poverty in wealth. If a man is wealthy without good health, is he not poor? If a man is wealthy without children, is he not poor? If a man is wealthy without God, is he not poor? If a man is wealthy without giving alms, is he not poor? If a man is wealthy without wisdom, is he not poor? Then there's a great lack in riches.

—Michael Bassey
Johnson

Bankers just get into the habit of complaining about compensation and sort of thinking that they're entitled to be paid 50 times what a firefighter that runs into a burning building to save a little baby gets paid. That entitlement is sort of endemic within banking.

—James Gorman

I saw the rich for what they were: a goddamn blight like the fungus that kills tomatoes.

—Ernest Hemingway

There is something about poverty that smells like death.

—Zora Neale Hurston

The very rich are different from you and me.

— F. Scott Fitzgerald

The rich stare into the abyss a bit more starkly than the rest of us. We can always indulge in the thought that a little more money would make our lives happier—and in many cases it's true. But the truly wealthy know that appetites for material indulgence are rarely sated. No yacht is so super, nor any wine so expensive, that it can soothe the soul or guarantee one's children won't grow up to be creeps. When the rich man takes his last sip of Château d'Yquem 1959, he tips back the wineglass to find at its bottom an unforeseen melancholy....It is as terrifying a realization in Saint-Tropez as it is anywhere else.

--Robert A. Kenny

The Lottery: A tax on stupidity.

—Warren Buffet

There's so little money in my bank account, my scenic checks show a ghetto.

--Phyllis Diller

I've got all the money I'll ever need if I die by 4 o'clock.

--Henny Youngman

A rich man's joke is always funny.

--Thomas Edward
Brown

Politics, war, marriage, crime, adultery. Everything that exists in the world has something to do with money.

--Graham Greene

Truth is, no matter how fat your bank account, there are just some things that money can't buy, things like friends and family and love and laughter, as you will find out the first time you wrap yourself in shoulder-to-hem mink, slide behind the wheel of a shiny new Benz and drive to the most exquisite restaurant in town to eat Christmas dinner or ring in the New Year—alone.

--Laura B. Randolph

With money in your pocket, you are wise, and you are handsome, and you sing well too.

--Jewish Proverb

It is the wretchedness of being rich that you have to live with rich people.

--Logan Pearsall
Smith

The secret point of money and power in America is neither the things you can buy nor the power for power's sake but absolute personal freedom, mobility, privacy.

--Joan Didion

Capitalism and communism stand at opposite poles. Their essential difference is this: The communist, seeing the rich man and his fine home, says: 'No man should have so much.' The capitalist, seeing the same thing, says: 'All men should have as much.'

--Phelps Adams

Acquaintance: a person whom we know well enough to borrow from, but not well enough to lend to.

--Ambrose Bierce

Our incomes should be like our shoes: if too small, they will gall and pinch us, but if too large, they will cause us to stumble and to trip. But wealth, after all, is a relative thing, since he that has little, and wants less, is richer than he that has much, but wants more. True contentment depends not upon what we have; a tub was large enough for Diogenes, but a world was too little for Alexander.

--Charles Caleb
Colton

The most valuable of all human possessions, next to a superior and disdainful air, is the reputation of being well to do. Nothing else so neatly eases one's way through life, especially in democratic countries.

--H. L. Mencken

Taxes, after all, are the dues that we pay for the privileges of membership in an organized society.

--Franklin D. Roosevelt

'Tis better to live rich than to die rich.

--Samuel Johnson

I've been rich and I've been poor. Believe me, honey, rich is best.

--Sophie Tucker

If you know how to spend less than you get, you have the philosopher's stone....Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship....Ere you consult your fancy, consult your purse.

--Benjamin Franklin

To learn the value of money, it is not necessary to know the nice things it can get for you, you have to have experienced the trouble of getting it.

--Philippe Heriat

Affluence means Influence.

--Jack London

Perhaps you will say a man is not young; I answer, he is rich; he is not gentle, handsome, witty, brave, good-humored, but he is rich, rich, rich, rich—that one word contradicts everything you say against him.

--Henry Fielding

Wealth in modern societies is distributed according to opportunity; and while opportunity depends partly upon talent and energy, it depends still more upon birth, social position, access to education and inherited wealth; in a word, upon property.

--Richard H. Tawney

The universal regard for money is the one hopeful fact in our civilization. Money is the most important thing in the world. It represents health, strength, honor, generosity and beauty as conspicuously and undeniably as the want of it represents illness, weakness, disgrace, meanness and ugliness. Not the least of its virtues is that it destroys base people as certainly as it fortifies and dignifies noble people.

--George Bernard
Shaw

The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has. Even when you make a tax form out on the level, you don't know when it's through, if you are a crook or a martyr.

--Will Rogers

Greed enables a person to buy things money can buy while losing the things money cannot buy.

--Laurence J. Peter

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries.

--Winston Churchill

Socialism works, but nowhere as efficiently as in the beehive and the anthill.

--Laurence J. Peter

There is no fortress so strong that money cannot take it.

--Cicero

If ignorance paid dividends most Americans could make a fortune out of what they don't know about economics.

--Luther Hodges

There is fast forming in this country an aristocracy of wealth, the worst form of aristocracy that can curse the prosperity of a nation.

--Peter Cooper

Everything is worth what its purchaser will pay for it.

--Publilius Syrus

Bankruptcy is a legal proceeding in which you put your money in your pants pocket and give your coat to your creditors.

--Joey Adams

A good mind possesses a kingdom: a great fortune is a great slavery.

--Seneca

I would suggest taxation of all property equally whether church or corporation.

--Ulysses S. Grant

If a man runs after money, he's money-mad; if he keeps it, he's a capitalist; if he spends it, he's a playboy; if he doesn't get it, he's a ne'er-do-well; if he doesn't try to get it, he lacks ambition. If he gets it without working for it, he's a parasite; and if he accumulates it after a lifetime of hard work, people call him a fool who never got anything out of life.

--Vic Oliver

Money doesn't always bring happiness. People with ten million dollars are no happier than people with nine million dollars.

--Hobart Brown

Money is the symbol of duty; it is the sacrament of having done for mankind that which mankind wanted.

--Samuel Butler

If you make money your god, it will plague you like the devil.

--Henry Fielding

A disordered currency is one of the greatest political evils.

--Daniel Webster

Inflation is the most important fact of our time, the single greatest peril to our economic health.

--Bernard M. Baruch

The love of money is the root of all evil.

--*I Timothy 6:10*

Surplus wealth is a sacred trust which its possessor is bound to administer in his lifetime for the good of the community.

--Andrew Carnegie

There are only two families in the world, my old grandmother used to say, the Haves and the Have-nots.

--Miguel de Cervantes

Never spend your money before you have it.
Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap.

--Thomas Jefferson

The happiest time in any man's life is when he is in red-hot pursuit of a dollar with a reasonable prospect of overtaking it.

--Josh Billings

Money is like manure, If you spread it around, it does a lot of good. But if you pile it up in one place, it stinks like hell.

--Clint Murchison, Jr.

The rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

--Andrew Carnegie

Under capitalism, man exploits man. Under communism, it's just the opposite.

—John Kenneth
Galbraith

There is something about prosperity, the hunger for it, the pretense in all these middle-class Americans, that makes the soul sick.

--Sherwood Anderson

No less than war or statecraft, the history of economics has its heroic ages.

--Aldous Huxley

My power is as great as is the power of money. The qualities of money are my—the possessor's—qualities and potentialities. What I am and can do, therefore, is by no means determined by my individuality. I am ugly, but I can buy the most beautiful woman. So I am not ugly, for the effect of ugliness, its repulsive power, is eliminated by money.

--Karl Marx

Without money one cannot go anywhere, not even to church.

--Croatian Proverb

I have a prejudice against people with money. I have known so many, and none have escaped the corruption of power. In this I am a purist. I love people motivated by love and not by power. If you have money and power, and are motivated by love, you give it all away.

--Anaïs Nin

There is a kind of shrewdness many men have that enables them to get money. It is the shrewdness of the fox after the chicken. A low order of mentality often goes with it.

--Sherwood Anderson

Priorities are reflected in the things we spend money on. Far from being a dry accounting of bookkeepers, a nation's budget is full of moral implications; it tells what a society cares about and what it does not care about; it tells what its values are.

--Senator J. W. Fulbright

I must say I hate money but it's the lack of it I hate most.

--Katherine Mansfield

Money is life. Not material life only. It touches the soul. Who steals our purse steals not trash, but our blood, time, muscle, nervous force, our power to help others, our future possibility of turning out creditable work.

--Don Marquis

Money is human happiness in the abstract: he, then, who is no longer capable of enjoying human happiness in the concrete devotes himself utterly to money.

--Arthur Schopenhauer

In our society, we admire people who have a lot of money and exhibit it in homes or in cars. In small societies (not based on market economies) that kind of exhibitionism is denigrated.

--Susan Russell

The budget is a mythical bean bag. Congress votes mythical beans into it, and then tries to reach in and pull real beans out.

--Will Rogers

Riches attract the attention, consideration, and congratulations of mankind.

--John Adams

I do not believe that Washington should do for the people what they can do for themselves through local and private effort.

--John F. Kennedy

Economic growth without social progress lets the great majority of the people remain in poverty, while a privileged few reap the benefits of rising abundance.

--John F. Kennedy

It is not possible for this nation to be at once politically internationalist and economically isolationist. This is just as insane as asking one Siamese twin to high dive while the other plays the piano.

--Adlai Stevenson

Speculation is the romance of trade, and casts contempt upon all its sober realities. It renders the stock-jobber a magician, and the exchange a region of enchantment.

—Washington Irving

There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it, and when he can.

--Mark Twain

Money is time. With money I buy for cheerful use the hours which otherwise would not in any sense be mine; nay, which would make me their miserable bondsman.

--George Gissing

With his own money a person can live as he likes—a ruble that's your own is dearer than a brother.

--Maxim Gorky

If a man has money it is usually a sign, too, that he knows how to take care of it; don't imagine his money is easy to get simply because he has plenty of it.

--Edgar Watson Howe

In our culture we make heroes of the men who sit on top of a heap of money, and we pay attention not only to what they say in their field of competence, but to their wisdom on every other question in the world.

--Max Lerner

It is extraordinary how many emotional storms one may weather in safety if one is ballasted with ever so little gold.

--William McFee

When Gold argues the cause, eloquence is impotent.

--Publilius Syrus

Money is power, freedom, a cushion, the root of all evil, the sum of blessings.

--Carl Sandburg

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

--John Wesley

People say that luxury and comfort and money are bad for the soul. I don't believe it. Nothing is better for the soul than having what you want, and anybody who can become rich and comfortable and doesn't is a damned fool....One of the best ways to ensure success is to develop expensive tastes, or marry someone who has them. The range of options open to those who succeed is so large as to encompass almost everything: yachts, art, clothes, jewelry, travel—all these can be yours.

--Michael Korda

It requires a great deal of boldness and a great deal of caution to make a great fortune; and when you have got it, it requires ten times as much wit to keep it.

--Meyer A. Rothschild

All love has something of blindness in it, but the love of money especially.

—Sir Henry Craik

The only way not to think about money is to have a great deal of it.

—Edith Wharton

The economic interpretation of history does not necessarily mean that all events are determined solely by economic forces. It simply means that economic facts are the ever recurring decisive forces, the chief points in the process of history.

--Edward Bernstein

The ideal social state is not that in which each gets an equal amount of wealth, but in which each gets in proportion to his contribution to the general stock.

--Henry George

The wealth of nations is men, not silk and cotton and gold.

--Richard Hovey

The way to wealth is as plain as the way to market. It depends chiefly on two words, industry and frugality; that is, waste neither time nor money, but make the best use of both. Without industry and frugality nothing will do and with them everything.

--Benjamin Franklin

Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped.

--Calvin Coolidge

Riches are like muck, which stink in a heap, but spread abroad, make the earth fruitful.

--Mr. Bettenham

For one rich man that is content there a hundred that are not.

--Unknown

If you would know the value of money try to borrow some.

--Benjamin Franklin

He that has no money has no friends.

--Arab Proverb

Our own money is the tool of liberty; the money we pursue is the tool of bondage.

--Jean Jacques Rousseau

Among mankind money is far more persuasive than logical argument.

--Euripides

Love of gain has contaminated many people, There are even occasions when it is better to lose than to gain.

--Plautus

Money can achieve anything.

--Petronius

To get money you must spend it.

—Plautus

Money alone is the ruling principle of the world.

—Latin Proverb

Building one's life on a foundation of gold is just like building a house on foundations of sand.

--Henrik Ibsen

Mankind's one objective is to amass wealth.

--Blaise Pascal

For many men, the acquisition of wealth does not end their troubles, it only changes them.

--Seneca

To be rich is the greatest disaster that can afflict a man.

--Spanish Proverb

Empty pockets make empty heads.

--William Carlos
Williams

Men honor property above all else;
it has the greatest power in human life.

--Euripides

Money alone sets all the world in motion.

--Publilius Syrus

A man is a failure who goes through life earning nothing but money.

--Charles A. Beard

The fellow who has no money is poor; the fellow who has nothing but money is poorer still.

--Billy Sunday

Money begets money.

--John Ray

Money is the seed of money, and the first guinea is sometimes more difficult to acquire than the second million.

--Jean Jacques Rousseau

A too constant preoccupation with money may seem to indicate the lack of a proper sense of moral values, but (let) those who have always had money...be without it for a while, and they will soon discover how quickly it becomes their chief concern.

--Moss Hart

The stock market is but a mirror which...provides an image of the underlying or fundamental economic situation. Cause and effect run from the economy to the stock market, never the reverse. In 1929 the economy was headed for trouble. Eventually that trouble was violently reflected in Wall Street.

--John Kenneth
Galbraith

Economics as a positive science is a body of tentatively accepted generalizations about economic phenomena that can be used to predict the consequences of changes in circumstances.

--Milton Friedman

The Great Depression, like most other periods of severe unemployment, was produced by government mismanagement rather than by any inherent instability of the private economy.

--Milton Friedman

The long-range solution (to high unemployment) is to increase the incentive for ordinary people to save, invest, work and employ others. We make it costly for employers to employ people, and we subsidize people not to go to work. We have a system that increasingly taxes work and subsidizes non-work.

--Milton Friedman

There's only one place where inflation is made: that's in Washington...in response to pressures from the people at large...The voting public...ask their Congressmen to enact goodies in the form of spending, but they are unhappy about having taxes raised to pay for those goodies.

--Milton Friedman

The world is his, who has money to go over it.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

The more is given the less the people will work for themselves, and the less they work the more their poverty will increase.

--Leo Nikolaevich Tolstoy

There is nothing so degrading as the constant anxiety about one's means of livelihood....Money is like a sixth sense without which you cannot make a complete use of the other five.

--William Somerset
Maugham

The point to remember is that everything the government gives it must first take away.

--John Strider
Coleman

Noah must have taken into the Ark two taxes, one male and one female, and did they multiply bountifully! Next to guinea pigs, taxes must have been the most prolific animals.

--Will Rogers

It is only when the rich are sick that they fully feel the impotence of wealth.

--Charles Caleb Colton

Get wealth when you have it not; guard what you have got; increase what you have guarded; and bestow on worthy persons what you have increased.

--Panchatantra

Just as war is waged with the blood of others, fortunes are made with other people's money.

--Andre Soares

There is nothing earthly that lasts so well, on the whole, as money. A man's learning dies with him; even his virtues fade out of remembrance; but the dividends on the stocks he bequeaths to his children live and keep his memory green.

--Oliver Wendell
Holmes, Sr.

The love of gold knows no fear of sword or death.

--Lucan

A heavy purse makes a light heart.

--English Proverb

Nothing stings more sharply than the loss of money.

--Livy

It has been said that the love of money is the root of all evil.
The want of money is so quite as truly.

--Samuel Butler

Certainly there are lots of things in
life that money won't buy,
but it's very funny—
Have you ever tried to buy them without money?

—Ogden Nash

The love of money and the love of learning rarely meet.

—George Herbert

They say that knowledge is power. I used to think so, but I now know that they meant money.

—Lord Byron

Money is indeed the most important thing in the world; and all sound and successful personal and national morality should have this fact for its basis.

--George Bernard
Shaw

The seven deadly sins....Food, clothing, firing, rent, taxes, respectability and children. Nothing can lift those seven millstones from man's neck but money; and the spirit cannot soar until the millstones are lifted.

--George Bernard
Shaw

There are few sorrows, however poignant, in which a good income is of no avail.

--Logan Pearsall
Smith

That man is admired above all men, who is not influenced by money.

—Cicero

All progress is based upon a universal innate desire on the part of every organism to live beyond its income.

--Samuel Butler

The ways to enrich are many, and most of them foul.

--Francis Bacon

Cats of a good breed mouse better when they are fat than when they are starving: and likewise good men who have some talent exercise it to nobler ends when they have wealth enough to live well.

--Benvenuto Cellini

Wealth may be an excellent thing, for it means power, it means leisure, it means liberty.

--James Russell
Lowell

It is not that men are ill fed, but that they have no pleasure in the work by which they make their bread, and therefore look to wealth as the only means of pleasure.

--John Ruskin

The darkest hour in the history of any young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without honestly earning it.

--Horace Greeley

Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. There is nothing in its nature to produce happiness. The more a man has, the more he wants. Instead of its filling a vacuum, it makes one. If it satisfies one want, it doubles and trebles that want another way.

--Benjamin Franklin

Riches are not an end of life, but an instrument of life.

--Henry Ward
Beecher

The larger the income, the harder it is to live within it.

—Archbishop Whately

The rich are the real outcasts of society, and special missions should be organized for them.

--Norman Macleod

Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants.

--Epicurus

Very few men acquire wealth in such a manner as to receive pleasure from it. As long as there is the enthusiasm of the chase they enjoy it. But when they begin to look around and think of settling down, they find that that part by which joy enters in, is dead in them. They have spent their lives in heaping up colossal piles of treasure, which stand at the end, like the pyramids in the desert, holding only the dust of things.

--Henry Ward
Beecher

I see nothing in the life of a rich man which the workman need envy outside the regularity and security of his existence.

—St. John Ervine

There is no one so rich that he does not still want for something.

--German Proverb

Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail.

--Josh Billings

Expenditure rises to meet income. Individual expenditure not only rises to meet income but tends to surpass it....(And) what is true of individuals is also true of governments.

--C. Northcote
Parkinson

It is not the greatness of a man's means that makes him independent, so much as the smallness of his wants.

--William Cobbett

Wealth and want equally harden the human heart.

--Theodore Parker

The greed of gain has no time or limit to its capaciousness. Its one object is to produce and consume. It has pity neither for beautiful nature nor for living human beings. It is ruthlessly ready without a moment's hesitation to crush beauty and life out of them, molding them into money.

--Rabindranath
Tagore

The American wage earner and the American housewife are a lot better economists than most economists care to admit. They know that a government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have.

--Gerald R. Ford

A mask of gold hides all deformities.

--Thomas Dekker

No gain is so certain as that which proceeds from the economical use of what you already have.

--Latin Proverb

Gain cannot be made without some other person's loss.

--Publilius Syrus

Economy is a way of spending money without getting any pleasure out of it.

--Armand Salacrou

Alexander Hamilton originated the put and take system in our national treasury: the taxpayers put it in, and the politicians take it out.

--Will Rogers

High finance isn't burglary or obtaining money by false pretenses, but rather a judicious selection from the best features of those fine arts.

--Finley Peter Dunne

I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers ... We must make our choice between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude. If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy.

--Thomas Jefferson

Wilt thou seal up the avenues of ill? Pay every debt as if God wrote the bill.

--Ralph Waldo
Emerson

Our national debt, after all, is an internal debt, owed not only by the nation but to the nation. If our children have to pay the interest, they will pay that interest to themselves.

--Franklin Delano
Roosevelt

A man in debt is so far a slave.

--Ralph Waldo
Emerson

One of the greatest disservices you can do a man is to lend him money that he can't pay back.

--Jesse H. Jones

Debt is the fatal disease of republics, the first thing and the mightiest to undermine governments and corrupt the people.

--Wendell Phillips

Some people use one half their ingenuity to get into debt, and the other half to avoid paying it.

--George D, Prentice

Some debts are fun when you are acquiring them, but none are fun when you set about retiring them.

--Ogden Nash

Debt is the worst poverty.

--Thomas Fuller

Debt is the slavery of the free.

--Publilius Syrus

Rather go to bed supperless than rise in debt.

--Benjamin Franklin

A habit of debt is very injurious to the memory.

--Austin O'Malley

A small debt produces a debtor; a large one, an enemy.

--Publilius Syrus

The surest way to establish your credit is to work yourself into the position of not needing any.

--Maurice Switzer

If you are content, you have enough to live comfortably.

--Plautus

The theory of Communism may be summed up in one sentence: Abolish all private property.

--Karl Marx

Communism possesses a language which every people can understand—its elements are hunger, envy, and death.

--Heinrich Heine

Communism is a society where each one works according to his abilities and gets according to his needs.

--Pierre Joseph
Proudhon

Capital is that part of wealth which is devoted to obtaining further wealth.

--Alfred Marshall

Live within your income, even if you have to borrow money to do so.

--Josh Billings

The human species, according to the best theory I can form of it, is composed of two distinct races: the men who borrow, and the men who lend.

--Charles Lamb

If you would abolish avarice, you must abolish its mother, luxury.

--Cicero

Avarice in old age is foolish; for what can be more absurd than to increase our provisions for the road the nearer we approach to our journey's end.

--Cicero

Generally the last passion of those lives of which the first part has been squandered in pleasure, and the second devoted to ambition.

--Samuel Johnson

Avarice is the vice of declining years.

--George Bancroft

The avaricious man is like the barren sandy ground of the desert which sucks in all the rain and dew with greediness, but yields no fruitful herbs or plants for the benefit of others.

--Zeno

Avarice is always poor.

--Samuel Johnson

Poverty wants some things, luxury many, avarice all things.

--Abraham Cowley

Avarice increases with the increasing pile of gold.

--Juvenal

The appearance of millionaires in any society is no proof of its affluence; they can be produced by very poor countries....It is not efficiency of production which makes millionaires; it is the uneven distribution of what is produced.

--Julius K. Nyerere

The economic philosophy of black nationalism only means that our people need to be re-educated into the importance of controlling the economy of the community in which we live...which...means that we...won't have to constantly be involved in picketing and boycotting other people in other communities in order to get jobs.

--Malcolm X

The study of economic oppression led me to realize that Negroes were not alone but were part of an unending struggle for human dignity the world over.

--Pauli Murray

That the power to tax involves the power to destroy...is not to be denied.

--John Marshall

There can be no absolute conclusions in economics, and no result can be asserted as positive, until all the causes which may affect it have been considered.

--Simon Newcomb

Governments last as long as the under-taxed can defend themselves against the overtaxed.

--Bernard Berenson

Government is the only institution that can take a valuable commodity like paper, and make it worthless by applying ink.

--Ludwig van Moses

It is the aim of good government to stimulate production, of bad government to encourage consumption.

--Jean Baptiste Say

What costs nothing is worth nothing.

--Dutch Proverb

Due to recent cutbacks, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off until further notice.

--Unknown

Capitalism in the United States has undergone profound modification, not just under the New Deal but through a consensus that continued to grow after the New Deal. Government in the U.S. today is a senior partner in every business in the country.

--Norman Cousins

In economics, the majority is always wrong.

--J. K. Galbraith

One man's wage rise is another man's price increase.

--Harold Wilson

What kind of society isn't structured on greed? The problem of social organization is how to set up an arrangement under which greed will do the least harm; capitalism is that kind of a system.

--Milton Friedman

The forces in a capitalist society, if left unchecked, tend to make the rich richer and the poor poorer.

--Jawaharlal Nehru

The best way to destroy the capitalist system is to debauch the currency. By a continuing process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens.

--John Maynard
Keynes

Mere parsimony is not economy...expense, and great expense, may be an essential part of true economy.

--Edmund Burke

Expenditure rises to meet income.

--C. Northcote Parkinson

It is an economic axiom as old as the hills that goods and services can be paid for only with goods and services.

--Albert J. Nock

I'm not into the money thing. You can only sleep in one bed at a time. You can only eat one meal at a time, or be in one car at a time. So I don't have to have millions of dollars to be happy. All I need are clothes on my back, a decent meal, and a little loving when I feel like it. That's the bottom line.

--Ray Charles

There are some countries so backward that their people don't spend money until they have saved it.

—A. G. Gaston

Beware of ambition for wealth; for there is nothing so characteristic of narrowness and littleness of soul as the love of riches; and there is nothing more honorable and noble than indifference to money.

--Cicero

Great wealth always supports the party in power, no matter how corrupt it may be. It never exerts itself for reform, for it instinctively fears change.

--Henry George

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

—*Matthew*, XIX, 24

The greater your fortune, the greater your cares.

--Periander

A golden bit does not make a better horse.

--Seneca

What good to you is a vast weight of silver and gold, if in terror you stealthily bury it in a hole in the ground?

--Horace

A man of wealth is dubb'd a man of worth.

--Alexander Pope

He that wants money wants everything.

--Richard
Cumberland

A man without money is a bow without an arrow.

--Thomas Fuller

Money is the symbol of nearly everything that is necessary for man's well-being and happiness....Money means freedom, independence, liberty.

--Edward E. Beals

If thou wouldst keep money, save money;
If thou wouldst reap money, sow money.

--Thomas Fuller

You must spend money, if you wish to make money.

--Plautus

Why did God create economists? In order to make weather forecasters look good.

--Unknown

What's the best way to describe an economist? Someone who doesn't have the personality to be an accountant.

--Unknown

Folks are serious about three things: their religion, their family, and most of all, their money.

--Bert Lance

October is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August and February.

--Mark Twain

A necessary condition to a healthy economy is freedom from the petty tyranny of a massive government regulation.

--Gerald Ford

Profit today is a fighting word. Profits are the lifeblood of the economic system, the magic elixir upon which progress and all good things ultimately depend. But one man's lifeblood is another man's cancer.

--Paul Samuelson

When investments in human capital are robust, and are in an environment where there is considerable economic freedom, that's the best ingredient for economic success.

--Garry Beck

The greatest wealth is to live content with little.

--Plato

Capitalism inevitably and by virtue of the very logic of its civilization creates, educates and subsidizes a vested interest in social unrest.

--Joseph A.
Schumpeter

A people living under the...threat of war and invasion is very easy to govern. It demands no social reform. It does not haggle over armaments and military expenditures. It pays without discussion, it ruins itself, and that is a fine thing for the financiers and manufacturers for whom patriotic terrors are an abundant source of gain.

--Anatole France

The experience of the past leaves little doubt that every economic system must sooner or later rely upon some form of the profit motive to stir individuals and groups to productivity. Substitutes like slavery, police supervision, or ideological enthusiasm prove too unproductive, too expensive, or too transient.

--Will and Ariel
Durant

It is a socialist idea that making profits is a vice. I consider the real vice is making losses.

--Winston Churchill

The economic dependence of women is perhaps the greatest injustice that has been done to us, and has worked the greatest injury to the race.

--Nellie McClung

We can have democracy in this country or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both.

--Louis D. Brandeis

I have no complex about wealth. I have worked hard for my money, producing things people need. I believe that the able industrial leader who creates wealth and employment is more worthy of historical notice than politicians or soldiers.

--Paul Getty

I was born into it and there was nothing I could do about it. It was there, like air or food, or any other element. The only question with wealth is what you do with it.

--John D.
Rockefeller, Jr.

Riches do not consist in the possession of treasures, but in the use made of them.
--Napoleon Bonaparte

He that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.
--*Proverbs* 28:20

Riches enlarge, rather than satisfy appetites.
--Thomas Fuller

What maintains one vice would bring up two children.
--Benjamin Franklin

The power to tax involves the power to destroy.
--John Marshall

The promises of yesterday are the taxes of today.
--William Lyon
Mackenzie
King

Get place and wealth, if possible with grace;
If not, by any means get wealth and place.
--Alexander Pope

In order to stand well in the eyes of the community, it is necessary to come up to a certain, somewhat indefinite, conventional standard of wealth.
--Thorstein Veblen

Every man is a consumer and ought to be a producer.
--Ralph Waldo
Emerson

More and more these days I find myself pondering on how to reconcile my net income with my gross habits.
--John Kirk Nelson

The possession of gold has ruined fewer men than the lack of it.
--Thomas Bailey
Aldrich

It is preoccupation with possession, more than anything else, that prevents men from living freely and nobly.

--Bertrand Russell

If you would know what the Lord God thinks of money, you have only to look at those to whom he gives it.

--Maurice Baring

I never been in no situation where havin' money made it any worse.

--Clinton Jones

To be clever enough to get a great deal of money, one must be stupid enough to want it.

--Gilbert K. Chesterton

Why is there so much month left at the end of the money?

--John Barrymore

The darkest hour of any man's life is when he sits down to plan how to get money without earning it.

--Horace Greeley

Money is the most egalitarian force in society. It confers power on whoever holds it.

--Roger Starr

Money isn't everything—but it's a long way ahead of what comes next.

--Edmund Stockdale

A man is a person who will pay two dollars for a one-dollar item he wants. A woman will pay one dollar for a two-dollar item she doesn't want.

--William Binger
Roosevelt

Our economy is the result of millions of decisions we all make every day about producing, earning, saving, investing, and spending.

--Dwight D.
Eisenhower

Man is a luxury-loving animal. His greatest exertions are made in pursuit not of necessities but of superfluities.

--Eric Hoffer

Nowadays people can be divided into three classes—the Haves, the Have-Nots, and the Have-Not-Paid-For-What-They-Haves.

--Earl Wilson

Half the world is composed of idiots, the other half of people clever enough to take indecent advantage of them.

--Walter Kerr

Benjamin Franklin may have discovered electricity—but it was the man who invented the meter who made the money.

--Earl Wilson

A bank is a place where they lend you an umbrella in fair weather and ask for it back again when it begins to rain.

--Robert Frost

The man who damns money has obtained it dishonorably; the man who respects it has earned it.

--Ayn Rand

If you make a living, if you earn your own money, you're free—however free one can be on this planet.

--Theodore White

Wealth is the product of man's capacity to think.

--Ayn Rand

Look, we trade every day out there with hustlers, deal-makers, shysters, con men....That's the way businesses get started. That's the way this country was built.

--Herbert Allen

The entire essence of America is the hope to first make money—then make money with money—then make lots of money with lots of money.

--Paul Erdman

It always looks as if the best way to solve a problem is to spend somebody else's money.

--Milton Friedman

A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things.

--*Ecclesiastes* 10:19

Some people's money is merited/And other people's is inherited.

--Ogden Nash

Inherited wealth is a big handicap to happiness. It is a certain death to ambition as cocaine is to morality.

--William K.
Vanderbilt

The meek shall inherit the earth, but not its mineral rights.

--John Paul Getty

If you can actually count your money, then you are not a rich man.

—J. Paul Getty

Now that he was rich, he was not thought ignorant anymore; merely eccentric.

--Mavis Gallant

Until economic freedom is attained for everybody, there can be no real freedom for anybody.

--Susanne la Follette

If women didn't exist, all the money in the world would have no meaning.

--Aristotle Onassis

The rich have a passion for bargains as lively as it is pointless.

--Françoise Sagan

The rich are the scum of the earth in every country.

--G. K. Chesterton

No one can earn a million dollars honestly.

--William Jennings
Bryan

Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today.

--Herman Wouk

I have gone to war too...I am going to fight capitalism even if it kills me, It is wrong that people like you should be comfortable and well fed while all around you people are starving.

--Sylvia Pankhurst

If establishing masculinity depends most of all on succeeding as the prime bread-winner, then it is hard to imagine a force more directly threatening to fragile American manhood than the feminist drive for economic equality.

--Susan Faludi

The gratification of wealth is not found in mere possession or in lavish expenditure, but in its wise application.

--Miguel de Cervantes

Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it.

--Benjamin Franklin

The economic and technological triumphs of the past few years have not solved as many problems as we thought they would, and, in fact, have brought us new problems we did not foresee.

--Henry Ford II

Taxes are the sinews of the state.

--Cicero

For every benefit you receive a tax is levied.

--Ralph Waldo
Emerson

The prosperous man is never sure that he is loved for himself.

--Lucan

Everything in the world may be endured except continual prosperity.

--Johann Wolfgang
von Goethe

Prosperity is something the businessmen created for politicians to take credit for.

--Brunswick (Ga.)
Pilot

Prosperity is the surest breeder of insolence I know.

--Mark Twain

It is one of the greatest economic errors to put any limitation upon production.... We have not the power to produce more than there is a potential to consume.

--Louis D. Brandeis

Production is the only answer to inflation.

--Chester Bowles

I know that a man who shows me his wealth is like the beggar who shows me his poverty; they are both looking for alms from me, the rich man for the alms of my envy, the poor man for the alms of my guilt.

--Ben Hecht

I'm tired of love, I'm still more tired of rhyme, but money gives me pleasure all the time.

--Hilaire Belloc

The safest way to double your money is to fold it over once and put it in your pocket.

--Kin Hubbard

The chief value of money lies in the fact that one lives in a world in which it is over-estimated.

--H. L. Mencken

Money is not required to buy one necessity of the soul.

--Henry David
Thoreau

The use of money is all the advantage there is in having it.

--Benjamin Franklin

Money does all things for reward. Some are pious and honest as long as they thrive upon it, but if the devil himself gives better wages, they soon change their party.

--Seneca

He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money.

--Benjamin Franklin

Never ask of money spent
Where the spender thinks it went.
Nobody was ever meant
To remember or invent
What he did with every cent.

--Robert Frost

Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust.

--Oliver Wendell
Holmes

Money often costs too much.

--Ralph Waldo
Emerson

He will always be a slave who does not know how to live upon a little.

--Horace

A miser grows rich by seeming poor; an extravagant man grows poor by seeming rich.

--William Shenstone

Misers mistake gold for good, whereas it is only a means of obtaining it.

--François de La
Rochefoucauld

The devil lies brooding in the miser's chest.

--Thomas Fuller

The greater your fortune, the greater your cares.

--Periander

Men desire riches for the enjoyment of pleasure.

--Cicero

Let all the learn'd say what they can,
'Tis ready money makes the man;
Commands respect where'er we go,
And gives a grace to all we do.

--William Somerville

The price we pay for money is paid in liberty.

--Robert Louis
Stevenson

Many persons think that by hoarding money they are gaining safety for themselves. If money is your only hope for independence, you will never have it. The only real security that a person can have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability. Without these qualities, money is practically useless.

--Henry Ford

Never underestimate the importance of money...It's how business people keep score!

--Mark H.
McCormack

If a man is wise, he gets rich, an' if he gets rich, he gets foolish, or his wife does. That's what keeps the money movin' around.

--Finley Peter Dunne

People who complain about the tax system fall into two categories—men and women.

--Barry Steiner

The only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.

--Will Rogers

The trouble with the profit system is that it has always been highly unprofitable to most people.

—E. B. White

How I made my fortune?

It was really quite simple. I bought an apple for five cents, spent the evening polishing it, and sold it the next day for 10 cents. With this I bought two apples, spent the evening polishing them, and sold them for 20 cents. And so it went until I had amassed \$1.60. It was then that my wife's father died and left us a million dollars.

--Unknown Capitalist

Never invest in anything that eats or needs repairing.

--Billy Rose

If you are ready to give up everything else—to study the whole history and background of the market and all the principal companies whose stocks are on the board as carefully as a medical student studies anatomy—if you can do all that and, in addition, you have the cool nerves of a great gambler, the sixth sense of a clairvoyant, and the courage of a lion, you have a ghost of a chance on Wall Street.

--*Salomon Today*

Last week is the time you should have either bought or sold, depending on which you didn't do.

--Leonard Louis
Levinson

Capital as such is not evil; it is its wrong use that is evil.

--Mohandas K.
Gandhi

Money is a singular thing. It ranks with love as man's greatest source of joy. And with death as his greatest source of anxiety. Money differs from an automobile, a mistress, or cancer in being equally important to those who have it and those who do not.

--John Kenneth
Galbraith

It is not he who has little but he who always wants more who is poor.

--Seneca

Some extremely sharp investment advisors can get you in at the bottom of the market. Some extremely sharp ones can get you out at the top. They are never the same people.

--Gary North

Living on a budget is the same as living beyond your means, except that you have a record of it.

--Unknown

Want to estimate the cost of living? Take your income and add twenty percent.

--Unknown

Budget: A family's attempt to live below its yearnings.

--Unknown

The husband has to make money first and his wife has to make it last.

--Unknown

There is nothing so habit-forming as money.

--Don Marquis

Money, it turned out, was exactly like sex; you thought of nothing else if you didn't have it and thought of other things if you did.

--James Baldwin

Economists are economical, among other things, of ideas. They make those they acquire as graduate students do for a lifetime.

--John Kenneth
Galbraith

Thousands upon thousands are yearly brought into a state of real poverty by their great anxiety not to be thought poor.

--Robert Mallett

Living well is the best revenge.

--George Herbert

Fortune does not change men; it unmaskes them.

--Suzanne Necker

Rich man down and poor man up—they are still not even.

--Yiddish Proverb

It is an easy matter for a stingy man to get rich—but what's the use?

--American Proverb

Loneliness is the universal problem of rich people.

--Joan Collins

If your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will be your downfall.

--*World War II Poster*

The most popular labor-saving device is still money.

--Phyllis George

Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt.

--Herbert Hoover

Young people nowadays imagine that money is everything; when they get older they know it.

--Oscar Wilde

The methods that help a man acquire a fortune are the very ones that keep him from enjoying it.

--Antoine de Rivarol

Boredom is the keynote of poverty...for when there is no money there is no change of any kind, not of scene or of routine.

--Moss Hart

A shortcut to riches is to subtract from one's desires.

--Plutarch

When everybody has got money they cut taxes, and when they're broke they raise 'em. That's statesmanship of the highest order.

--Will Rogers

Nothing is intrinsically valuable; the value of everything is attributed to it, assigned to it from outside the thing itself, by people.

--John Barth

All else—valor, a good name, glory, everything in heaven and earth—is secondary to the charm of riches.

--Horace

Economists are about as useful as astrologers in predicting the future (and, like astrologers, they never let failure on one occasion diminish certitude on the next).

--Arthur Schlesinger,
Jr.

The real measure of your wealth is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your money.

--Unknown

Getting rich is easy. It just takes a lot of work.

--Unknown

The millionaire should be ashamed to die rich.

--Andrew Carnegie

Information about money has become more valuable than money itself.

--Walter Wriston

Wall Street is the only place that people ride to in a Rolls Royce to get advice from those who take the subway.

--Warren Buffet

Don't gamble; take all your savings and buy some good stock and hold it till it goes up, then sell it. If it don't go up, don't buy it.

--Will Rogers

Trickle-down theory—the less than elegant metaphor that if one feeds the horse enough oats, some will pass through to the road for the sparrows.

--J. K. Galbraith

A key criterion for success is how you use your pennies, not just how you manage your dollars.

--Haki Madhubuti

A man's wealth may be superior to him.

--African Folk Saying

To suppose, as we all suppose, that we could be rich and not behave as the rich behave, is like supposing that we could drink all day and keep absolutely sober.

--Logan Pearsall
Smith

A rich man is nothing but a poor man with money.

--W. C. Fields

Wealth and power are much more likely to be the result of breeding than they are of reading.

--Fran Lebowitz

Sir, money, money, the most charming of all things; money, which will say more in one moment than the most elegant lover can in years. Perhaps you will say a man is not young; I answer he is rich. He is not genteel, handsome, witty, brave, good-humored, but he is rich, rich, rich, rich, rich—that one word contradicts everything you can say against him.

--Henry Fielding

Go into the street, and give one man a lecture on morality, and another a shilling, and see which will respect you most.

--Dr. Samuel Johnson

I know of nothing more despicable and pathetic than a man who devotes all the hours of the waking day to the making of money for money's sake.

--John D. Rockefeller

Algebra and money are essentially levelers; the first intellectually, the second effectively.

--Simone Weil

Money, big money (which is actually a relative concept) is always, under any circumstances, a seduction, a test of morals, the temptation to sin.

--Boris Yeltsin

You think you understand the situation, but what you don't understand is that the situation just changed.

--*Putnam*

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There is no art which one government learns from another better than that of draining money from the pockets of people.

--Adam Smith

The trick is to stop thinking of it as 'your' money.

--*The Congress of the*

United States

Many good qualities are not sufficient to balance a single want—the want of money.

--Johann Georg

Zimmermann

The avaricious man is like the barren sandy ground of the desert which sucks in all the rain and dew with greediness, but yields no fruitful herbs or plants for the benefit of others.

--Zeno

Some of the greatest thinking has been done by those who cared little for riches—Pasteur, Edison, Jane Addams—and who shall say that theirs was not the richer life? Today, the world knows the poetry of Shakespeare, the music of Wagner, the art of Rembrandt; but who knows even the names of the money barons of their day—or cares to know? If you want your name to live after you, you'll not give all your thought to money. But, whether you want to make money, or write a book, or build a bridge, or run a streetcar—or do anything else successfully—you'll do well to remember that in all the world there is no word more important than—"Think!"

--Edwin Baird

Money is a stupid measure of achievement but unfortunately it is the only universal measure we have.

--Charles P. Steinmetz

Money speaks sense in a language all nations understand.

--Aphra Behn

No dust affects the eyes so much as gold dust.

--Countess of
Blessington

If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion.

—George Bernard Shaw

The money that men make lives after them.

--Samuel Butler

The lack of money is the root of all evil.

--Mark Twain

The hardest thing in the world it to understand income tax.

--Albert Einstein

After a man works his way out of debt he draws a deep breath of satisfaction, and then goes into debt again.

--Unknown

All decent people live beyond their incomes; those who aren't respectable live beyond other people's; a few gifted individuals manage to do both.

--Saki

Finance in one easy lesson: the more money you get, the more money you need.

--Unknown

I have not observed men's honesty to increase with their riches.

—Thomas Jefferson

A dollar saved is a quarter earned.

--John Ciardi

Beauty is potent, but money is omnipotent.

--Proverb

A recession is the period when you tighten your belt, while a depression is when you have no belt to tighten.

--Unknown

The height of folly is to live poor so you can die rich.

--Unknown

The best way to make a thousand dollars in the stock market is to start with five thousand and quit when you've only lost four.

--Unknown

America is a great country, but you can't live in it for nothing.

--Will Rogers

You pay an income tax on what you put into your wallet, and a sales tax on what you take out of it.

--Unknown

The stern expression of George Washington on the dollar bill shows his disapproval of the huge increase in our national debt since he left office.

--Unknown

All the perplexities, confusions, and distresses in America arise, not from defects in their constitution or confederation, not from a want of honor or virtue, so much as from downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit, and circulation.

--John Adams

Money is power, and you ought to be reasonably ambitious to have it.

--Russell H. Conwell

God gave me my money. I believe the power to make money is a gift from God...to be developed and used to the best of our ability for the good of mankind. Having been endowed with the gift I possess, I believe it is my duty to make money and still more money and to use the money I make for the good of my fellow man according to the dictates of my conscience.

--John D. Rockefeller

The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest possible amount of feathers with the smallest possible amount of hissing.

--Jean Baptiste Colbert

Avarice walks among us disguised as ambition.

--Ezra J. Mishan

Poverty in youth, when it succeeds, is so far magnificent that it turns the whole will towards effort, and the whole soul towards aspiration. Poverty strips the material life entirely bare, and makes it hideous; thence arise inexpressible yearnings towards the ideal life.

--Victor Hugo

Only Americans have mastered the art of being prosperous though broke.

--Kelly Fordyce

Capitalism equals love of money in my view, and we didn't start out that way. We started out with a love of individual enterprise.

--Eric Sloane

Once demystified, the dismal science (economics) is nothing less than the study of power.

--Richard J. Barnet

There must be someone in this Administration who could explain it (the economy) to me, but I probably wouldn't understand it. There must be a book I could read, but I probably wouldn't understand that either.

--Warren G. Harding

The American economy is the eighth wonder of the world, and the ninth is the economic ignorance of the American people.

--Burton Crane

Money is applause.

--Jacqueline Susann

To have money is to have time.

--Albert Camus

Money brings some happiness. But, after a certain point, it just brings more money.

--Neil Simon

The rich aren't like us, they pay less taxes.

--Peter De Vries

Wealth does not corrupt nor does it ennoble. But wealth does govern the minds of privileged children, gives them a particular kind of identity they never lose, whether they grow up to be stockbrokers or communards, and whether they lead healthy or unstable lives.

--Robert Coles

I'd like to be rich enough so I could throw soap away after the letters are worn off.

--Andy Rooney

There is a way to make a lot of money in the market; unfortunately it is the same way to lose a lot of money in the market.

--Peter Passell and
Leonard Rose

The stock market has called nine of the last five recessions.

--Paul A. Samuelson

People hate taxes the way children hate brushing their teeth—and in the same shortsighted way.

--Paul A. Samuelson

Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society.

--Oliver Wendell
Holmes, Jr.

The greatest wealth is contentment with a little.

--English Proverb

Money is like an arm or a leg—use it or lose it.

--Henry Ford

Some people's money is merited
And other people's money is inherited.

--Ogden Nash

Money buys food, clothes, houses, land, guns, jewels, men, women, time to be lazy
and listen to music.

Money buys everything except love, personality, freedom, immortality, silence,
peace.

--Carl Sandburg

From borrowing one gets poorer and from work one gets richer.

--Isaac Bashevis
Singer

Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which
you would not take money.

--Dave Ramsey

To know you have enough is to be rich.

--Tao

People ask, 'Do you think that money changes people?' It doesn't change people.
What it does is liberate them to be who they really are.

--Woody Allen

He who will not economize will have to agonize.

-- Confucius

Fortunes made in no time are like shirts made in no time; it's ten to one if they hang long together.

-- Douglas Jerrold

Wealth is conspicuous, but poverty hides.

--James Reston

Money is not the most important thing in the world. Love is. Fortunately, I love money.

--Jackie Mason

There is only one freedom that is really important, and that is economic freedom.

--Somerset Maugham

Desire makes everything blossom; possession makes everything wither and fade.

--Marcel Proust

There can be no economy where there is no efficiency.

--Benjamin Disraeli

Economy is the method by which we prepare today to afford the improvements of tomorrow.

--Calvin Coolidge

Count your own money or it isn't yours. Put it in the bank yourself. You're not worth it if you can't keep your own watch on it and put your own hands on it. Forget all this stuff about 'I don't know money matters, ask my lawyer, ask my accountant, ask my agent, ask my business manager.' If you can earn it, you can control it. If you have to put it into someone else's hands, it belongs there.

--Jackie Gleason

Finance is the art of passing currency from hand to hand until it finally disappears.

--Robert W. Sarnoff

Old men are always advising young men to save money. That is bad advice. Don't save every nickel. Invest in yourself. I never saved a dollar until I was forty years old.

--Henry Ford

We are becoming so accustomed to millions and billions of dollars that ‘thousands’ has almost passed out of the dictionary.

--Everett Dirksen

People want economy and they will pay any price to get it.

--Lee Iacocca

I have never been a material girl. My father always told me never to love anything that cannot love you back.

--Imelda Marcos

If money is your hope for independence, you will never have it. The only real security that a man can have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability.

--Henry Ford

Money is like an arm or leg—use it or lose it.

--Henry Ford

When prosperity comes, do not use all of it.

--Confucius

We’re living beyond our means. We have developed a lifestyle that is draining the earth of its priceless and irreplaceable resources.

--Margaret Mead

Finance: The art or science of managing revenues and resources for the best advantage of the manager.

--Ambrose Bierce

The easiest way for your children to learn about money is for you not to have any.

--Katharine Whitehorn

A stockbroker is someone who invests other people’s money until it is all gone.

--Woody Allen

Compound interest is the greatest mathematical discovery of all time.

--Albert Einstein

Economy is a distributive virtue, and consists not in saving but selection.

--Edmund Burke

Taxation WITH representation ain't so hot either.

--Gerald Barzon

Everyone has the brain power to make money in the stock market—not everyone has the stomach.

--Peter Lynch

There's one thing money can't buy—poverty.

--John Cooper Clarke

Society cares for the individual only so far as he is profitable.

--Simone de Beauvoir

Bulls make money; bears make money; pigs get slaughtered!

—Wall Street Saying

The best advice my father ever gave me was 'buy land, they ain't makin' any more of it.'

--Will Rogers

Prosperity is living easily and happily in the real world, whether you have money or not.

--Jerry Gillies

The future, according to some scientists, will be exactly like the past, only far more expensive.

--John Sladek

Every time you spend money, you're casting a vote for the kind of world you want.

--Anna Lappe

It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose yours.

--Harry S. Truman

The only function of economic forecasting is to make astrology look respectable.

--John Kenneth
Galbraith

A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned—this is the sum of good government.

--Thomas Jefferson

My riches consist not in the extent of my possessions, but in the fewness of my wants.

--Joseph Brotherton

Don't tell me what you value, show me your budget. I will tell you what you value.

--Joe Biden

It's as wrong to hate money as to idolize it.

--Nicolas Sarkozy

Invest Your Time Before You Invest Your Money.

--*Nebraska Department
of Banking*

Don't focus on how to spend less money,
Focus on how to make more money.

--Lyndon Forman

Every increased possession loads us with new weariness.

--John Ruskin

Because we don't think about future generations, they will never forget us.

--Henrik Tikkanen

Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons.

--Woody Allen

The most efficient labor-saving device is still money.

--Franklin P. Jones

When you get something for nothing, you just haven't been billed for it yet.

--Franklin P. Jones

The hardest thing to understand in the world is the income tax.

--Albert Einstein

Too many of us look upon Americans as dollar chasers. This is a cruel libel, even if it is reiterated thoughtlessly by the Americans themselves.

--Albert Einstein

If you put two economists in a room, you'll get two opinions.

--Winston Churchill

Conspicuous consumption...is not an unambiguous signal of personal affluence. It's a sign of belonging to a relatively poor group. Visible luxury thus serves less to establish the owner's positive status as affluent than to fend off the negative perception that the owner is poor. The richer a society or peer group, the less important visible spending becomes.

--Virginia Postrel

Visible consumption lets individuals show strangers they aren't poor. Since strangers tend to lump people together by race, the lower your racial group's income, the more valuable it is to demonstrate your personal buying power.

--Virginia Postrel

Forget showing off. If you want to live like a billionaire, buy a \$12,000 bed. You can't park a mattress in your driveway, but it will last for decades and you can enjoy it every night.

--Virginia Postrel

Give me the luxuries of life and I will willingly do without the necessities.

--Frank Lloyd Wright

I believe totally in a Capitalist System, I only wish that someone would try it.

--Frank Lloyd Wright

There is no such thing as absolute value in this world. You can only estimate what a thing is worth to you.

--Ley Warner

He who hesitates is poor.

--Mel Brooks

As long as people will accept crap, it will be financially profitable to dispense it.

--Dick Cavett

He who believes money can do everything, may well be suspected of doing everything for money.

--Benjamin Franklin

Money can't buy you happiness but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

--Spike Milligan

If you can count your money, you don't have a billion dollars.

--John Paul Getty

People often forget that the Great Depression was like a soccer match—there were two halves. The first half was dominated by the aftermath of the 1929 U.S. Stock-market crash. The second half, which made the depression truly 'great' in both its depth and its extent, began with the European banking crisis of 1931.

--Niall Ferguson

If I had known what it would be like to have it all - I might have been willing to settle for less.

--Lily Tomlin

In my experience, the more people have, the less likely they are to be contented. Indeed, there is abundant evidence that depression is a 'disease of affluence,' a disorder of modern life in the industrialized world. People who live in poorer countries have a lower risk of depression than those in industrialized nations. In general, countries with lifestyles that are furthest removed from modern standards have the lowest rates of depression.

--Dr. Andrew Weil

He who dies with the most toys is still dead.

--*Church Marquee*

I believe we should all pay our tax bill with a smile. I tried but they wanted cash.

--Unknown

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

--Earl Wilson

We can tell our values by looking at our checkbook stubs.

--Gloria Steinem

The college player cannot sell his own feet (the coach does that) nor can he sell his own name (the college will do that). This is the plantation mentality resurrected and blessed by today's campus executives.

--Walter Byers

Put your money where your mouth is; it's a lot safer than a bank.

--Stephen Colbert

I saw a bank that said '24 Hour Banking,' but I don't have that much time.

--Steven Wright

The holy passion of Friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money.

--Mark Twain

I learned in school that money isn't everything. It's happiness that counts. So Momma sent me to a different school.

--Zsa Zsa Gabor

Prior to World War II, it took 100 hours of labor to produce 100 bushels of corn. Today, it takes less than two hours.

--Jason Henderson

Since 1980, agriculture has been the second-most-productive aspect of our economy...I'm 61 years old, and in my lifetime, corn production has increased 400 percent, soybeans 1,000 percent, and wheat 100 percent.

--Tom Vilsack

Today's kids inhabit a world where the cultural hype they have been fed at home and at school about how wonderful they are is about to meet a rude comedown. The anthem they will hear after the champagne corks pop at graduation is not so much American the beautiful as American the beaten. Bowed down by a decade's worth of college debt, these kids are going to have to be pretty special—and very lucky—to live anywhere near as well as their parents did. And nothing about their upbringing prepared them for this.

--Tina Brown

Success can morph into a virus of overconfidence. When things go right for several years, people start to spend and invest as if nothing can go wrong.

--Hyman Minsky

I have a wealthy friend who lives in a wealthy neighborhood. One day he was in his front yard, chatting with his next-door neighbor, a Republican, who asked him why he's a Democrat. My friend said he'd grown up poor but had gotten a good public education, worked his tail off, and made it. Then he pointed to a gardener working across the street. 'Don't you want that gardener's son to live the same American Dream we have?' my friend asked. His neighbor shot him down, sniffing, 'That gardener's son will be my son's gardener.'

--Paul Begala

It's funny to me that I have to prove to the banks that I'M honest.

--Scott Adams

When you're rich, normal rules don't apply!

--Mark Bowden

The poor on the borderline of starvation live purposeful lives. To be engaged in a desperate struggle for food and shelter is to be wholly free from a sense of futility.

--Eric Hoffer

I have never been in a situation where having money made it worse.

--Clinton Jones

It's money. I remember it from when I was single.

--Billy Crystal

One of the most surprising, and perhaps confounding, facts of charity in America is that the people who can least afford to give are the ones who donate the greatest percentage of their income. In 2011, the wealthiest Americans—those with earnings in the top 20 percent—contributed on average 1.3 percent of their income to charity. By comparison, Americans at the base of the income pyramid—those in the bottom percent—donated 3.2 percent of their income. The relative generosity of lower-income Americans is accentuated by the fact that, unlike middle-class and wealthy donors, most of them cannot take advantage of the charitable tax deduction, because they do not itemize deductions on their income-tax returns.

--Ken Stern

While having money doesn't necessarily make anybody anything, the rich are way more likely to prioritize their own self-interests above the interests of other people. They are more likely to exhibit characteristics that we would stereotypically associate with, say, assholes.

--Paul Piff

There is no such thing as a good tax.

--Winston Churchill

The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax.

-- Albert Einstein

Marriage allows couples to pool resources and plan for the future, which means they can build wealth faster than single people. It isn't quite true, as the old saw had it, that 'two can live as cheaply as one.' But it certainly is true that one married household is a lot cheaper to operate than two single ones. One kitchen, one bedroom, one living and dining area. One cable and Internet bill. And while you may fight over the thermostat, you'll still be spending half as much on heating and air conditioning.

--Megan McArdle

On average, people who get married and stay married enjoy almost twice as much wealth as those who never marry. This economic shelter is probably one reason that married couples report being happier than single ones....While people who marry earlier get less of an income boost, on average, they actually report being happier with their marriages than those who wait.

--Megan McArdle

The corporate brakes on unethical behavior are gone. Unions are becoming irrelevant, corporate boards are somnolent, and regulators and politicians—when they're not abetting corporations—are mostly catatonic. Meanwhile, hordes of highly paid lawyers, accountants, and consultants of all stripes are standing by to help drive profit ever further, ever wider. Not only does our culture celebrate and laud those who make obscene amounts of money, the market demands this type of behavior, with investors stomping their feet for higher share prices and bigger hedge-fund returns. And they don't really care how those objectives are achieved.

--Mark Mizruchi

Huge fortunes that flow in large part from society should in large part be returned to society.

--Andrew Carnegie

The first rule of investing is not to lose money. The second rule is not to forget the first rule.

--Warren Buffett

‘Specialization,’ whereby one parent stays home and the other does the earning, is the most efficient way of running a household, because the at-home spouse enables the at-work spouse to earn more.

--Gary Becker

The U.S. economy is becoming a kind of traveling sisterhood: professional women leave home and enter the workforce, creating domestic jobs for other women to fill.

--Hanna Rosin

The central conflict of domestic life right now is not men versus women, mothers versus fathers. It is family versus money. Domestic life today is like one of those behind-the-scenes TV series about show business. The main narrative tension is: ‘How the hell are we going to make this happen?’ There are tears and laughs and little intrigues, but in the end, it’s just a miracle that the show goes on, that everyone is fed and clothed and out the door each day.

--Stephen Marche

Since 1996, women have earned more bachelor’s degrees than men, and last year they started earning a greater number of master’s and doctoral degrees. It is an outrage that the male-female wage gap persists, and yet, over the past 10 years, in almost every country in the developed world, it has shrunk. In developed countries, by most economic indicators, women’s lives have improved relative to men’s. Of the 15 fastest-growing job categories in the United States, 13 are dominated by women.

--Stephen Marche

The rise of women is not the result of any ideology or political movement; it is a result of the widespread realization, sometime after the Second World War, that families in which women work are families that prosper. And countries in which women work are countries that prosper. In 2006, a database created by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development demonstrated what common sense tells us; with few exceptions, countries in which women have more economic and political power are richer than countries where women are relatively powerless. Patriarchy is damn expensive. That’s why it’s doomed.

--Stephen Marche

Low-income mothers are far more likely to stay at home today than are upper-income mothers. Such women are forgoing paid work not because they refuse to lean in but because they can’t earn enough money at their jobs to over child care.

--Stephen Marche

We'll try to cooperate fully with the IRS, because, as citizens, we feel a strong patriotic duty to not go to jail.

--Dave Barry

If you're poor, your health care's going to suck, your housing is going to suck, your infrastructure is going to suck...if you're poor, everything sucks.

--John Hope Bryant

Sometimes people who get wealthy when they are very, very young, it's a curse to them. They don't realize it.

—Kato Kaelin

I work with people who make \$10 million and \$20 million a year, and if they lose a job [paying that much] and realize they may never make that much again, they have to come to terms with that. Their expectations and their sense of entitlement is so great, they cannot bear an inferior position. They are extremely capable and bright, but they suffer from emptiness and fall into depression, substance abuse. They fail to understand what it truly means to be a soulful person.

--Christopher Bayer

It is wrong to assume that men of immense wealth are always happy.

--John D. Rockefeller

Teach us that wealth is not elegance, that profusion is not magnificence, that splendor is not beauty.

--Benjamin Disraeli

It is not the employer who pays the wages. Employers only handle the money. It is the customer who pays the wages.

--Henry Ford

Money and success don't change people; they merely amplify what is already there.

--Will Smith

Rich people are especially prone to an assortment of unethical behaviors, including lying, jumping turns at four-way stops, and cutting off pedestrians while driving.

--Paul Piff

Strictly speaking, every citizen above a certain level of income is guilty of some offense.

--Max Frisch

Excess of wealth is cause of covetousness.

--Christopher
Marlowe

Times of luxury do not last long, but pass away very quickly; nothing in this world can be long enjoyed.

--Buddha

Someday I want to be rich. Some people get so rich they lose all respect for humanity. That's how rich I want to be.

--Rita Rudner

The Lord commonly gives riches to foolish people, to whom he gives nothing else.

--Martin Luther

That man is the richest whose pleasures are the cheapest.

--Henry David
Thoreau

Don't forget what I discovered—that over ninety percent of all national deficits from 1921 to 1939 were caused by payments for past, present, and future wars.

--Franklin D.
Roosevelt

Academic and aristocratic people live in such an uncommon atmosphere that common sense can rarely reach them.

--Samuel Butler

If all the economists in the world were laid end to end, it wouldn't be a bad thing.

--Peter Lynch

All fingers are not alike, If you cut bigger ones to make all equal it is communism, If you stretch smaller ones to make all equal it is socialism, If you do nothing to make all equal it is capitalism.

--B. J. Gupta

The more money the louder it talks.

--Arnold Rothstein

What counts is what you do with your money, not where it came from.

--Merton Miller

All money makes possible is for you to stop worrying about money. Then you have freedom to live your life.

--Paul Stanley

Before borrowing money from a friend it's best to decide which you need most.

--Joe Moore

If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough.

--Oprah Winfrey

The giving of riches and honors to a wicked man is like giving strong wine to him that hath a fever.

--Plutarch

When money is controlled by a few it gives that few an undue power and control over labor and the resources of the country. Labor will have its best return when the laborer can control its disposal.

--Leland Stanford

When I received the Nobel Prize, the only big lump sum of money I have ever seen, I had to do something with it. The easiest way to drop this hot potato was to invest it, to buy shares. I knew that World War II was coming and I was afraid that if I had shares which rise in case of war, I would wish for war. So I asked my agent to buy shares which go down in the event of war. This he did. I lost my money and saved my soul.

--Albert

Szent-Gyorgyi

He does not live in vain, who employs his wealth, his thought, his speech to advance the good of others.

--Hindu Maxim

Whatever you have, spend less.

--William Samuel
Johnson

People want economy and they will pay any price to get it.

--Lee Iacocca

The Clinton tax increase - which was an increase in taxes primarily on upper-income people - not only made the tax code more nearly progressive, it preceded one of the most productive economic periods in American life.

--Barney Frank

Divorce is one of the most financially traumatic things you can go through. Money spent on getting mad or getting even is money wasted.

--Richard Wagner

Make money and the whole nation will conspire to call you a gentleman.

--George Bernard Shaw

It is a curious phenomena that God has made the hearts of the poor, rich and those of the rich, poor.

--Vinoba Bhave

To sell something, tell a woman it's a bargain; tell a man it's deductible.

--Earl Wilson

Borrowing is not much better than begging; just as lending with interest is not much better than stealing.

--Doris Lessing

The liberal ideal is that everyone should have fair access and fair opportunity. This is not equality of result. It's equality of opportunity. There's a fundamental difference.

--Robert Reich

Unnecessary possessions are unnecessary burdens. If you have them, you have to take care of them! There is great freedom in simplicity of living. It is those who have enough but not too much who are the happiest.

--Peace Pilgrim

The wisdom of man never yet contrived a system of taxation that would operate with perfect equality.

--Andrew Jackson

A rich man has no need of character.

--Hebrew Proverb

He without benefit of scruples;
His fun and money soon quadruples.

--Ogden Nash

When morality comes up against profit, it is seldom that profit loses.

--Shirley Chisholm

If you are rich, you speak the truth if you are poor, your words are but lies.

--Chinese Proverb

Money is a never-ending problem.

--Alvin Ailey

Give me five minutes with a person's checkbook, and I will tell you where their heart is.

--Billy Graham

Some people are born on third base and go through life thinking they hit a triple.

--Barry Switzer

The only thing money gives you is the freedom of not worrying about money.

--Johnny Carson

The newspaper business was as easy a way to make huge returns as existed in America. No paper in a one-paper city, however bad the product or however inept the management, could avoid gushing profits.

--Warren Buffett

Men initiate salary negotiations four times as often as women do, and that when women do negotiate, they ask for 30 percent less money than men do.

--Katty Kay and
Claire Shipman

Don't steal. The government hates competition.

—Bumper Sticker

Rich folks always talk hard times.

--Lillian Smith

Government does many things, most of them badly and none of them free. To pay for its works, virtually all governments collect money from their citizens in the form of taxes. Typically, people will surrender a percentage of their income or produce and in return will be granted the right to complain about having to surrender a percentage of their income or produce.

*--Earth (The Book) A
Visitor's Guide
to the Human
Race*

Economics arose as a way to explain the behaviors of markets. It became known as 'the dismal science' because it couldn't compete with the pure *joie de vivre* of particle physics or metallurgy. By the early 21st century, we'd gotten so good at economics that advanced nations only suffered major financial collapses twice every decade or so.

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Money. To the untrained eye it just looks like odd bits of paper and metal, but it makes the world go around. We part it from fools, even though it burns holes in our pockets and can't buy us happiness or love. It is the root of all evil, but we take it and run: smart, seed, serious, easy, earned, funny, found, front, good after bad, mad, cash, old, new, blood, honest, even, real and hush. We aren't made of it, but we follow it. Why? Because it takes money to make money and it sure doesn't grow on trees.

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Can money buy happiness? No. But it can buy a 60" 1080p LCD with NFL Weekend Pass, which is indistinguishable from happiness.

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The life of the wealthy is one long Sunday.

--Georg Buchner

Today, certain people file for bankruptcy, businesses and individuals, and it no longer has the stigma it once had. Now it's almost considered wise, a way to regroup and come back again.

--David Dinkins

Teenagers don't know about financial literacy because adults have a low level of financial literacy.

--AnnaMaria Lusardi

Black families, regardless of income, are significantly less wealthy than white families. The Pew Research Center estimates that white households are worth roughly 20 times as much as black households, and that whereas only 15 percent of whites have zero or negative wealth, more than a third of blacks do. Effectively, the black family in America is working without a safety net. When financial calamity strikes—a medical emergency, divorce, job loss—the fall is precipitous.

--Ta-Nehisi Coates

Poor black people do not work their way out of the ghetto—and those who do often face the horror of watching their children and grandchildren tumble back.

--Ta-Nehisi Coates

The wealth accorded America by slavery was not just in what the slaves pulled from the land but in the slaves themselves. 'In 1860, slaves as an asset were worth more than all of America's manufacturing, all of the railroads, all of the productive capacity of the United States put together,' the Yale historian David W. Blight has noted. 'Slaves were the single largest, by far, financial asset of property in the entire American economy. The sale of these slaves—'in whose bodies that money congealed,' writes Walter Johnson, a Harvard historian—generated even more ancillary wealth. Loans were taken out for purchase, to be repaid with interest. Insurance policies were drafted against the untimely death of a slave and the loss of potential profits. Slave sales were taxed and notarized. The vending of the black body and the sundering of the black family became an economy unto themselves, estimated to have brought in tens of millions of dollars to antebellum America. In 1860 there were more millionaires per capita in the Mississippi Valley than anywhere else in the country.

--Ta-Nehisi Coates

The lust of avarice as so totally seized upon mankind that their wealth seems rather to possess them than they possess their wealth.

--Pliny the Elder

Negro poverty is not white poverty. Many of its causes and many of its cures are the same. But there are differences—deep, corrosive, obstinate differences—radiating painful roots into the community and into the family, and the nature of the individual. These differences are not racial differences. They are solely and simply the consequence of ancient brutality, past injustice, and present prejudice.

--Lyndon Baines
Johnson

Cocaine is God's way of telling you that you make too much money.

---Robin Williams

The poor man is he who, having much, craves for more.

--Marcus Minucius
Felix

The burden of disease falls on the poor.

--Gro Harlem
Brundtland

Think money will make you happier? Consider this: Most folks grow wealthier over time, which means today you're likely richer than you've ever been. But you can probably think back to a time when you were at least as happy as you are today—and maybe happier.

--Jonathan Clements

Every man judges his own happiness and satisfaction with life in terms of his possession or lack of possession of those things that he considers worthwhile and valuable.

--Meir Kahane

The test of our progress is not whether we add to the abundance of those who have much. It is whether we provide enough to those who have little.

--Franklin D.
Roosevelt

Having been poor is no shame, but being ashamed of it, is.

--Benjamin Franklin

Love is always a stranger in the house of avarice.

--Andreas Capellanus

If the machinery for distribution in the present economic system of the world is incapable of properly distributing the productive wealth of nations, then that system is false and must be altered.

--Gregor Strasser

An ass is but an ass, though laden with gold.

--Romanian Proverb

Pervasive economic inequality in America and elsewhere is the outcome of fair competition: what's being rewarded in life—with income, wealth, good jobs, social prestige—is no more than the talent and energy that each individual brings to the contest. The social world is much fairer than many would expect.

--Gregory Clark

Money, if it does not bring you happiness, will at least help you be miserable in comfort.

--Helen Gurley Brown

Property is not the sacred right. When a rich man becomes poor it is a misfortune, it is not a moral evil. When a poor man becomes destitute, it is a moral evil, teeming with consequences and injurious to society and morality.

--Lord Acton

A study by a pair of business-school professors found that when subjects were made to feel a lack of social power, they were willing to pay more for high-status goods, presumably to compensate for lower status. Perhaps this is why blacks and Hispanics—groups that have historically had lower social status than whites—spend more on clothing, jewelry, and cars than do whites of comparable income.

—Matthew Hutson

Most people pay too much for the things they get for nothing.

—Unknown

History suggests that capitalism is a necessary condition for political freedom. Clearly it is not a sufficient condition.

—Milton Friedman

To be a poor man is hard, but to be a poor race in a land of dollars is the very bottom of hardships.

—W. E. B. Du Bois

Don't expect anyone else to support you. Maybe you'll have a trust fund. Maybe you'll have a wealthy spouse. But you never know when either of them might run out.

—Mary Schmich

The individual who signs the check has the ultimate power.

—Jerry Rubin

Good and evil are equally distributed across the economic spectrum and not particular to the wealthy or the poor.

--Paul G. Schervish

Money is like fire: it will warm your feet or it will burn your socks off.

--Paul G. Schervish

Extreme wealth can take away some of the basic joys of living—for instance, that some wealthy people don't look forward to the holidays, 'because they were always expected to give really good presents.' When you're a millionaire, expensive gifts merely meet expectations. That was a pretty good present, the recipient might respond. But last year, you gave me a car.

--Robert A. Kenny

One of the saddest phrases I've heard is when the heir to a fortune is told, 'Honey, you're never going to have to work.' The announcement is often made by a rich grandparent to a grandchild—and it rarely sounds as good to the recipient as to the one delivering it. Work is what fills most people's days, and it provides the context in which they interact with others. A life of worklessness, however financially comfortable, can easily become one of aimlessness, of estrangement from the world. The fact that most people imagine it would be paradise to never have to work does not make the experience any more pleasant in practice.

--Robert A. Kenny

The quest for riches darkens the sense of right and wrong.

—Antiphanes

There are few retreats, that can escape the penetrating eye of avarice.

—Thomas Clarkson

Rich is not better.

—Nell Carter

The basic law of capitalism is you or I, not both you and I.
—Karl Liebknecht

Three-quarters of the world's population doesn't have enough to eat!
—Helen Reddy

He wins every hand who mingles profit with pleasure.
—Horace

The price is what you pay; the value is what you receive.
— Warren Buffett

I haven't reported my missing credit card to the police because whoever stole it is spending less than my wife.
—Ilie Nastase

The way to a woman's heart is through your wallet.
—Frank Dane

Save half of what you make, and live on just the other half.
—Will Rogers

In the Soviet Union, capitalism triumphed over communism. In this country, capitalism triumphed over democracy.
—Fran Lebowitz

The insane pursuit of the holy grail of a balanced budget in the end is going to drive the economy into a depression.
—William Vickrey

The poor prey on one another because their lives offer no hope and communicate the tragic message to these human beings that they have no possibility to attain a decent standard of living.
—Thabo Mbeki

Goddam money. It always ends up making you blue as hell.
—J. D. Salinger

I have enough money to live comfortably for the rest of my life—if I die next Thursday.
—T-Shirt Slogan

You know how I define the economic and social classes in this country? The upper class keeps all of the money, pays none of the taxes. The middle class pays all of the taxes, does all of the work. The poor are there...just to scare the shit out of the middle class. Keep 'em showing up at those jobs.

—George Carlin

It's better to do nothing with your money than something you don't understand.

—Suze Orman

Written laws are like spider's webs; they will catch, it is true, the weak and the poor, but would be torn in pieces by the rich and powerful.

—Anacharsis

If we command our wealth, we shall be rich and free; if our wealth commands us, we are poor indeed.

—Edmund Burke

There is nothing wrong with men possessing riches. The wrong comes when riches possess men.

—Billy Graham

Capitalism is war; socialism is peace.

—Karl Liebknecht

Money, which represents the prose of life, and which is hardly spoken of in parlors without an apology, is, in its effects and laws, as beautiful as roses.

—Ralph Waldo
Emerson

Whoever claims that economic competition represents 'survival of the fittest' in the sense of the law of the jungle, provides the clearest possible evidence of his lack of knowledge of economics.

—George Reisman

The dollar is the American unit of measurement for somebody's value as a person.

—*TL;DR Wikipedia*

The Invisible Hand is a metaphor conceived by economist Adam Smith to describe how, if markets are left unregulated, and everyone acts in their own interests, an invisible hand will use its stealthy invisibility powers to sneak all the money and power to 1% of the population.

—*TL;DR Wikipedia*

Economics is the branch of social science concerned with limiting the complete collapse of a country's financial system to once per decade instead of once per year.

—*TL;DR Wikipedia*

An accountant is a person whose job it is to ensure that only people who can't afford accountants end up having to pay any taxes.

—*TL;DR Wikipedia*

GDP (or Gross Domestic Product) is the total yearly value of goods and services produced after a country's soul crushing commute, three cups of coffee, and at least an hour of pretending like its producing goods and services when its really just fucking around on the Internet.

—*TL;DR Wikipedia*

1040EZ is an IRS form that sums up how alone, childless, and poor you are in one easy document.

—*TL;DR Wikipedia*

The penny is a unit of U.S. currency that is utterly useless in all instances save for when one is trying to kill a person from the top of the Empire State Building.

—*TL;DR Wikipedia*

Riches are chiefly good because they give us time.

—Charles Lamb

Envy is the ulcer of the soul.

—Socrates

We are not concerned with the very poor. They are unthinkable, and only to be approached by the statistician or the poet.

—E. M. Forster

Do not waste your time on Social Questions. What is the matter with the poor is Poverty; what is the matter with the rich is Uselessness.

—George Bernard Shaw

No money is better spent than what is laid out for domestic satisfaction.

—Samuel Johnson

If you have more money than you need, you have to give it away. It's a duty. I get to choose whom to sponsor, and I like to give to the areas that I know something about.

—Gordon Getty

I would like to electrocute everyone who uses the word 'fair' in connection with income tax policies.

—William F. Buckley

The way to stop financial joy-riding is to arrest the chauffeur, not the automobile.

—Woodrow Wilson

In the main it will be found that a power over a man's support (salary) is a power over his will.

—Alexander
Hamilton

Never say you know a man until you have divided an inheritance with him.

—Johann Kaspar
Lavater

We like to think of college as a meritocracy, a place where only the dedicated and smart survive. But it seems to be something else. Between 1970 and 2012, the proportion of American 24-year-olds who came from affluent families and had a bachelor's degree rose from 40 percent to 73 percent—quite an enlightenment period for privileged kids. But over the same period, the proportion of American 24-year-olds who came from low-income families and had a bachelor's degree rose from 6 percent to just 8 percent. The country's uneven public-school systems cannot be blamed entirely for this state of affairs. Too many people come to college unprepared academically, it's true. But even those low-income students who outperform their affluent peers on tests are less likely to graduate from college.

—Amanda Ripley

Take care of the luxuries and the necessities will take care of themselves.

—Dorothy Parker

Even Albert Einstein reportedly needed help on his 1040 form.

—Ronald Reagan

Having an extramarital affair takes money. Even if you don't have to shell out for airplane tickets and hotel rooms, sooner or later you're going to have to pony up for meals, flowers, chocolates, theater tickets, lingerie. If your girlfriend is really into Barbra Streisand or Andrea Bocelli, the concert tickets alone could bankrupt you, especially if you have to take your wife to the same concert the very next night.

--Joe Queenan

Income inequality started increasing in 1983, and 70 percent of that inequality is derived from differences in access to higher education. It is both a fountain of opportunity and a bastion of privilege. The problem has gotten worse and worse and worse.

—Anthony P.
Carnevale

Resolve not to be poor: whatever you have, spend less. Poverty is a great enemy to human happiness; it certainly destroys liberty, and it makes some virtues impracticable, and others extremely difficult.

—Samuel Johnson

The best money advice ever given me was from my father. When I was a little girl, he told me, 'Don't spend anything unless you have to.'

—Dinah Shore

He is rich enough that wants nothing.

—Polish Proverb

A poor man is like a foreigner in his own country.

—Ali ibn Abi Talib

Economic depression cannot be cured by legislative action or executive pronouncement. Economic wounds must be healed by the action of the cells of the economic body - the producers and consumers themselves.

—Herbert Hoover

Even more than the Pill, what has liberated women is that they no longer need to depend on men economically.

—Jane Bryant Quinn

The poverty of our century is unlike that of any other. It is not, as poverty was before, the result of natural scarcity, but of a set of priorities imposed upon the rest of the world by the rich.

—John Berger

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings. The inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.

—Winston Churchill

The most important single central fact about a free market is that no exchange takes place unless both parties benefit.

—Milton Friedman

Always leave enough time in your life to do something that makes you happy, satisfied, even joyous. That has more of an effect on economic well-being than any other single factor.

—Paul Hawken

It must suck when billionaires wake up feeling like a million bucks.

—Bill Murray

Power increases exponentially. Being 10 times richer than the next person can mean having 100 times more influence.

—Eric Liu

I have always maintained that the one important phenomenon presented by modern society is - the enormous prosperity of Fools.

—Wilkie Collins

Money is the last enemy that shall never be subdued. While there is flesh there is money or the want of money, but money is always on the brain so long as there is a brain in reasonable order.

—Samuel Butler

Give me control of a nation's money and I care not who makes her laws.

—Mayer Amschel
Rothschild

If you are poor, shun association with him who measures men with the yardstick of riches.

—Kahlil Gibran

Those who steal from private individuals spend their lives in stocks and chains;
those who steal from the public treasure go dressed in gold and purple.

—Marcius Porcius
Cato

You are going to let the fear of poverty govern you life and your reward will be that
you will eat, but you will not live.

—George Bernard Shaw

I'm scared to death of being poor. It's like a fat girl who loses 500 pounds but is
always fat inside. I grew up poor and will always feel poor inside. It's my pet
paranoia.

—Cher

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from
one class of citizens to give to another.

—Voltaire

Never respect men merely for their riches, but rather for their philanthropy; we do
not value the sun for its height, but for its use.

—Gamaliel Bailey

I continue to believe that the American people have a love-hate relationship with
inflation. They hate inflation but love everything that causes it.

—William E. Simon

The main purpose of the stock market is to make fools of as many men as possible.

—Bernard Baruch

The conservative argument is that the economy is like the weather, that it just op-
erates automatically.

—Sidney Blumenthal

What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?

—Robert Fulghum

The man who won't loan money isn't going to have many friends—or need them.

—Wilt Chamberlain

Neither a borrower nor a lender be:
For loan oft loses both itself and friend.

—William
Shakespeare

The surest way to ruin a man who doesn't know how to handle money is to give him some.

—George Bernard Shaw

History shows that where ethics and economics come in conflict, victory is always with economics.

—B. R. Ambedkar

Money is neither my god nor my devil. It is a form of energy that tends to make us more of who we already are, whether it's greedy or loving.

—Dan Millman

An economist's guess is liable to be as good as anybody else's.

—Will Rogers

Part of it went on gambling, and part of it went on women. The rest I spent foolishly.

—George Raft

Poverty's a disease that's cured by the medicine of money.

—Ernest Hemingway

In a capitalist society, persons who create capital, like Michael Eisner, are given the staggering rewards.

—Carroll O'Connor

He who desires is always poor.

—Claudianus

The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive.

—Albert Einstein

About the only difference between the poor and the rich, is this, the poor suffer misery, while the rich have to enjoy it.

—Josh Billings

I didn't want to be greedy. It's a mark of bad character and I always believed that pigs go the slaughterhouse.

—Walter Annenberg

Capitalism does not permit an even flow of economic resources. With this system, a small privileged few are rich beyond conscience, and almost all others are doomed to be poor at some level. That's the way the system works. And since we know that the system will not change the rules, we are going to have to change the system.

—Martin Luther
King, Jr.

Some couples go over their budgets very carefully every month. Others just go over them.

—Katherine
Mansfield

Production is the only answer to inflation.

—Chester Bowles

This country has socialism for the rich and rugged individualism for the poor.

—Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.

The 80 richest people in the world have more assets than the bottom 3.5 billion.

—Mona Chalabi

Money is a mechanism for control.

—David Korten

Some people want a big house, a fast car, and lots of money. Others just want a tiny cabin in the woods away from those kinds of people.

—Unknown

No matter how big your house is, how recent your car is, how big your bank account is, our graves will be the same size. Stay humble.

—Unknown

Men hate the individual whom they call avaricious only because nothing can be gained from him.

—Voltaire

If you owe the bank \$100 that's your problem. If you owe the bank \$100 million, that's the bank's problem.

—J. Paul Getty

True it is that covetousness is rich, modesty starves.

—John Milton

It is commonly observed that a sudden wealth, like a prize drawn in a lottery or a large bequest to a poor family, does not permanently enrich. They have served no apprenticeship to wealth, and with the rapid wealth come rapid claims which they do not know how to deny, and the treasure is quickly dissipated.

—Ralph Waldo
Emerson

My financial status? I just washed off a paper plate.

—*facebook.com/queenofsass*

Just got a bill in the mail that said, 'Final Notice.' So that's a relief.

—Joe DeVito

I grew up poor, but to be honest, when you're poor as a child, you don't notice because you just eat food kids already enjoy. Applesauce sandwiches for dinner again?! IT'S NOT EVEN MY BIRTHDAY!

—Jermaine Fowler

Wealth is any income that is at least \$100 more a year than the income of one's wife's sister's husband.

—H. L. Mencken

In 1974, Richard Easterlin, an economist, found that although a country's richer citizens are happier than its poorer ones, as countries become richer, their citizens do not become happier—a contradiction known as the Easterlin paradox. Happiness, Easterlin reasoned, must depend on one's wealth relative to one's compatriots: When everyone gets richer, no one gets happier.

—Matthew Hutson

The rich have gotten richer, income inequality has gotten worse, and there are more people in poverty than ever before.

—Mitt Romney [2015]

The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed.
—Mahatma Gandhi

The politicians don't just want your money. They want your soul. They want you to be worn down by taxes until you are dependent and helpless. When you subsidize poverty and failure, you get more of both.

—James Dale
Davidson

Look at all the billionaires. If I know 15 billionaires, I know 13 unhappy people.
—Russell Simmons

The bourgeois takes economic power very seriously, and often worships it.
—Nicolai A. Berdyaev

You never really know someone until you share an inheritance with them.
—John Pankauski

A thing is worth what it can do for you, not what you choose to pay for it.
—John Ruskin

How come we are not taught in school when to do our taxes, or how, or why, or even what taxes are, but if we get it wrong we go to jail?
—Ged Backland

Governments are not always the best doctors when it comes to diagnosing economic ailments and prescribing the right treatment.
—Kim Campbell

The moment money becomes your motivation, you are immediately not as good as someone who is stimulated by passion and internal will.
—Sebastian Vettel

As through this world I rambled I've seen lots of funny men.
Some will rob you with a six-gun and some with a fountain pen.
—Woody Guthrie

Don't buy that \$300 bag to have nothing in it. Buy that \$10 bag to have \$290 in it.
Don't go broke trying to look rich.
—Internet Meme

To be rich is not what you have in your bank account, but what you have in your heart.

—*www.wisdomquotesandstories.com*

Buy what thou hast no need of and ere long thou shalt sell thy necessities.

—Benjamin Franklin

There are three great friends an old wife, an old dog, and ready money.

—Benjamin Franklin

You can talk about capitalism and communism and all that sort of thing, but the important thing is the struggle everybody is engaged in to get better living conditions, and they are not interested too much in government.

—Bernard Baruch

Money, which represents the prose of life, and which is hardly spoken of in parlors without an apology, is, in its effects and laws, as beautiful as roses.

—Ralph Waldo
Emerson

If I hadn't been very rich, I might have been a really great man.

—Charles Foster
Kane in *Citizen
Kane*

What, for example, shall we say of money?... From being a means to happiness, it has come to be itself a principal ingredient of [some] individuals' conception of happiness. The same may be said of the majority of the great objects of human life: power, for example, or fame....In these cases the means have become a part of the end.

...What was once desired as an instrument for the attainment of happiness has come to be desired for its own sake. In being desired for its own sake it is, however, desired as part of happiness. The person is made, or thinks he would be made, happy by its mere possession; and is made unhappy by failure to obtain it. The desire of it is not a different thing from the desire of happiness any more than the love of music or the desire of health. They are included in happiness.

—John Stuart Mill

Capitalism is responsible for some of the worst crimes in history...imperialism, world war, and the transatlantic slave trade.

—Eugene Puryear

The taxing powers of government must be used to provide revenues for legitimate government purposes. It must not be used to regulate the economy or bring about social change.

—Ronald Reagan

A recent study by the political scientists Benjamin Page, Larry Bartels, and Jason Seawright found that the top 1 percent of U.S. wealth-holders are ‘extremely active politically’ and are much more likely than the rest of the American public to resist taxation, regulation, and government spending. Given that the wealthiest Americans believe their prosperity is due, above all else, to their own talent and hard work, is this any wonder? Surely it’s a short hop from overlooking luck’s role in success to feeling entitled to keep the lion’s share of your income—and to being reluctant to sustain the public investments that let you succeed in the first place.

—Robert H. Frank

Since 2013, the Federal Reserve Board has conducted a survey to ‘monitor the financial and economic status of American consumers.’ Most of the data in the latest survey, frankly, are less than earth-shattering: 49 percent of part-time workers would prefer to work more hours at their current wage; 29 percent of Americans expect to earn a higher income in the coming year; 43 percent of homeowners who have owned their home for at least a year believe its value has increased. But the answer to one question was astonishing. The Fed asked respondents how they would pay for a \$400 emergency. The answer: 47 percent of respondents said that either they would cover the expense by borrowing or selling something, or they would not be able to come up with the \$400 at all. Four hundred dollars! Who knew?

—Neal Gabler

David Johnson, an economist who studies income and wealth inequality at the University of Michigan, says, ‘People studied savings and debt. But this concept that people aren’t making ends meet or the idea that if there was a shock, they wouldn’t have the money to pay, that’s definitely a new area of research’—one that’s taken off since the Great Recession. According to Johnson, economists have long theorized that people smooth their consumption over their lifetime, offsetting bad years with good ones—borrowing in the bad, saving in the good. But recent research indicates that when people get some money—a bonus, a tax refund, a small inheritance—they are, in fact, more likely to spend it than to save it. ‘It could be,’ Johnson says, ‘that people don’t have the money’ to save. Many of us, it turns out, are living in a more or less continual state of financial peril.

—Neal Gabler

If you want to have financial security, it is 100 percent on you.

—Brad Klontz

Nearly half of American adults are financially fragile and living very close to the financial edge.

—Neal Gabler

In the 1950s and '60s, American economic growth democratized prosperity. In the 2010s, we have managed to democratize financial insecurity.

—Neal Gabler

The personal savings rate peaked at 13.3 percent in 1971 before falling to 2.6 percent in 2005. As of last year, the figure stood at 5.1 percent, and according to [Bruce] McClary, nearly 30 percent of American adults don't save any of their income for retirement.

—Neal Gabler

Government is emphatically a machine: to the disconnected a 'taxing machine,' to the contented a 'machine for securing property.'

—Thomas Carlyle

A good many Americans are 'financially illiterate,' and this illiteracy correlates highly with financial distress. A 2011 study...conducted measuring knowledge of fundamental financial principles (compound interest, risk diversification, and the effects of inflation) found that 65 percent of Americans ages 25 to 65 were financial illiterates.

—Neal Gabler

Some economists attribute the need for credit and the drive to spend with the 'keeping up with the Joneses' syndrome, which is so prevalent in America. I never wanted to keep up with the Joneses. But, like many Americans, I wanted my children to keep up with the Joneses' children, because I knew how easily my girls could be marginalized in a society where nearly all the rewards go to a small, well-educated elite.

—Neal Gabler

The erosion of wages is something over which none of us has any control. The only thing one can do is work more hours to try to compensate. I long since made that adjustment. I work seven days a week, from morning to night. There is no other way.

—Neal Gabler

We thought it was a rough patch, but it turned out to be our life.

—Bruce Eric Kaplan

The fact is that emergencies always arise; they are an intrinsic part of our existence. Financial advisers suggest that we save at least 10 to 15 percent of our income for retirement and against such eventualities. But the primary reason many of us can't save for a rainy day is that we live in an ongoing storm. Every day, it seems, there is some new, unanticipated expense—a stove that won't light, a car that won't start, a dog that limps, a faucet that leaks. And those are only the small things. In a survey of American finances published last year by Pew, 60 percent of respondents said they had suffered some sort of 'economic shock' in the past 12 months—a drop in income, a hospital visit, the loss of a spouse, a major repair. More than half struggle to make ends meet after their most expensive economic emergency. Even 34 percent of the respondents who made more than \$100,000 a year said they felt strain as a result of an economic shock.

—Neal Gabler

Financial insecurity is associated with depression, anxiety, and a loss of personal control that leads to marital difficulties.

—Brad Klontz

Money may change everything, as Cyndi Lauper sang. But lack of money definitely ruins everything. Financial impotence casts a pall of misery. It keeps you up at night and makes you not want to get up in the morning. It forces you to recede from the world. It eats at your sense of self-worth, your confidence, your energy, and, worst of all, your hope. It is ruinous to relationships, turning spouses against each other in tirades of calumny and recrimination, and even children against parents... To fail—which by many economic standards, a very large number of Americans do—may constitute our great secret national pain, one that is deep and abiding. We are impotent.

—Neal Gabler

76 percent of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, without the resources to cover unexpected expenses.

—Dennis Shaul

Decades-long macroeconomic trends and the recent financial crisis have resulted in a growing 'New Middle Class' with little to no savings, urgent credit needs and limited options.

—Elevate Credit

One of the great ironies in modern America is that the less money you have, the more you pay to use it.

—Mehrza Baradaran

While payday loans might seem like easy money, folks often end up trapped in a cycle of debt.

—Barack Obama

If you're considering taking out a payday loan, I'd like to tell you about a great alternative. It's called 'Anything Else.'

—Sarah Silverman

At the turn of the twentieth century, 20% was a scandal. Today, the average payday loan is twice as expensive as that.

—Robert Mayer

The early Babylonians set a ceiling on how much grain could be paid in interest. They recognized the pernicious effects of trapping a family with debt that could not be paid back.

—Christopher
Peterson

The big majority of Americans, who are comparatively well off, have developed an ability to have enclaves of people living in the greatest misery without almost noticing them.

—Gunnar Myrdal

Some research suggest that it's not having money that matters; it's how you spend it. If you're spending your money on helping others or on experiences like taking your friends out to dinner or learning new things, that can make you happy.

—Sonja Lyubomirsky

Action makes more fortune than caution.

—Charlotte Whitton

The thing generally raised on city land is taxes.

—Charles Dudley
Warner

Women are 80% more likely than men to be impoverished at age 65 and up, while women 75 to 79 are three times more likely.

—Robert Powell

But Satan now is wiser than of yore, and tempts by making rich, not making poor.

—Alexander Pope

I had been promised that the great summer houses were museums and warned that they were monstrosities, had been assured that the way of life they suggested was graceful beyond belief and that it was gross beyond description, that the very rich were different from you and me and yes, they had lower taxes.

—Joan Didion

Unquestionably, there is progress. The average American now pays out twice as much in taxes as he formerly got in wages.

—H. L. Mencken

Wealth is not without its advantages and the case to the contrary, although it has often been made, has never proved widely persuasive.

—John Kenneth
Galbraith

I used to think I was poor. Then they told me I wasn't poor, I was needy. They told me it was self-defeating to think of myself as needy, I was deprived. Then they told me underprivileged was overused. I was disadvantaged. I still don't have a dime. But I have a great vocabulary.

—Jules Feiffer

There was once a time in this country when you could work 40 hours a week. Your spouse didn't have to work and you retired at 60 with a pension. Today, 40 hours a week is barely enough to pay rent, utilities even with dual incomes. This is the reality for 45 million Americans.

—*TheFreeThoughtProject.com*

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.

—Thomas Jefferson

Don't wait until you're rich to be happy. Happy is free.

—Ged Backland

Ex scientia pecuniae libertas. 'Out of knowledge of money comes freedom.'

— Ben Davies

What is the matter with the poor is poverty; what is the matter with the rich is uselessness.

—George Bernard Shaw

My dad once told me that when he's about to buy something, he says to himself: Do I want it? Yes. Do I need it? No. And then he leaves the store without it.

—Scott Durkee

Save a little money each month and at the end of the year you'll be surprised at how little you have.

—Ernest Haskins

The poor man really has a stake in the country. The rich man hasn't; he can go away to New Guinea in a yacht.

--G. K. Chesterton

Money is amoral. Money has no morals. That is, it is neither good nor bad. *First Timothy* 6:10 does not say, 'Money is the root of all evil.' What it does say is 'The love of money is the root of all evil.' Money in and of itself has no more moral quality than a brick.

--Dave Ramsey

Every man is rich or poor according to the proportion between his desires and his enjoyments.

—Samuel Johnson

It is less important to redistribute wealth than it is to redistribute opportunity.

—Arthur Vandenberg

All some folks want is their fair share and yours.

—Arnold H. Glasow

You can't have everything. Where would you put it?

—Steven Wright

The lower classes have been disregarded and shunted off for as long as the United States has existed. But the separation has grown considerably in recent years. The elite economy is more concentrated than ever in a handful of winner-take-all cities.

—Alec MacGillis

The only thing wealth does for some people is to make them worry about losing it.

—Antoine Rivarol

Nothing hurts more than paying an income tax, unless it is not having to pay an income tax.

—Thomas Robert Dewar

You loan your friend money. You see them again, they don't say nothin' 'bout the money. 'Hi, how ya doin'? How's ya mama doing?' 'Man, how's my money doin'?

—Chris Tucker

In the brain-based economy, victory will go to the perpetually curious.

—Tom Peters

Being young is not having any money; being young is not minding not having any money.

--Katharine Whitehorn

If you're given a choice between money and sex appeal—take the money. As you get older, the money will become your sex appeal.

—Katharine Hepburn

Making money selling manure is better than losing money selling perfume.

—Egyptian Proverb

Rich people stay rich by living like they're broke. Broke people stay broke by living like they're rich.

—Mark Cuban

Banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies.

—Thomas Jefferson

Until you understand Capitalism you do not understand human society as it exists at present.

—George Bernard Shaw

College could never attract hundreds of thousands of them each year—many of them woefully unprepared of the experience, a staggering number (some 40 percent) destined never to get a degree, more than 60 percent of them saddled with student loans that they very well may carry with them to their deathbeds—if the experience were not accurately marketed as a blast.

--Caitlin Flanagan

They show up on campus lugging enormous Bed Bath & Beyond bags crammed with ‘essentials,’ and with new laptop computers, on which they will surf Facebook and Tumblr while some coot down at the lectern bangs on about Maslow’s hierarchy and tries to make his PowerPoint slides appear right side up. Many of these consumer goods have been purchased with money from the very student loans that will haunt them for so long, but no matter: it’s college; any cost can be justified.

--Caitlin Flanagan

There are many thousands of American undergraduates whose economic futures (and those of their parents) would be far brighter if they knocked off some of their general-education requirements online, or at the local community college—for pennies on the dollar—before entering the Weimar Republic of traditional college pricing. But college education, like weddings and funerals, tends to prompt irrational financial decision making.

--Caitlin Flanagan

Wealth does not corrupt nor does it ennoble. But wealth does govern the minds of privileged children, gives them a particular kind of identity they never lose, whether they grow up to be stockbrokers or communards, and whether they lead healthy or unstable lives.

--Robert Coles

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—Anthony P. Carnevale

Community colleges can make things worse by loading students with debt without improving their circumstances. Nation-wide, only about 40 percent of those who start at a public community college finish within six years.

—James Fallows

According to an analysis released in December by the Brookings Institution’s Brown Center on Education Policy, half of American college freshmen ‘seriously underestimate’ the amount of student-loan debt they have, and about a quarter of students with federal loans do not even know they have such loans. Many just don’t know the loans are federal, but some don’t realize they have any loans at all, perhaps because their parents filled out the forms for them.

—Amanda Ripley

Because I made too much money for the girls to get more than meager scholarships, but too little money to afford to pay for their educations in full, and because—another choice—we believed they had earned the right to attend good universities, universities of *their* choice, we found ourselves in a financial vortex. (I am not saying that universities are extortionists, but...universities are extortionists. One daughter's college told me that because I could pay my mortgage, I could afford her tuition.)

—Neal Gabler

Members of the Graduating Class: You who are about to receive your diplomas should also receive an apology from this university -- and a refund of a large portion of the tuition you have paid. You have been cheated, bilked, propagandized and badly educated. Your tuition has been much too costly, for which you can blame the federal government and the avarice of the university.

—George Will

Today's students study many fewer hours a week than students did a generation ago -- but they are getting higher grades. This, too, is a result of government creating perverse incentives. The government money gives colleges and universities a powerful incentive to admit more and more students. Inevitably, this means more and more students who are marginally qualified—or unqualified. Many of these will pay tuition for a few semesters and then leave school with debt -- but no degree. Others will plod along, paying tuition, piling up debt, and eventually getting a degree -- but not in four years. You have seen the T-shirts that read: 'College -- the best seven years of my life.'

—George Will

The type of character produced by wealth lies on the surface for all to see. Wealthy men are insolent and arrogant; their possession of wealth affects their understanding; they feel as if they had every good thing that exists; wealth becomes a standard of value for everything else, and therefore they imagine there is nothing they cannot buy. They are luxurious and ostentatious;...ostentatious and vulgar.

In a word, the type of character produced by wealth is that of a prosperous fool.

—Aristotle

The money that we possess is the instrument of liberty, that which we lack and strive to obtain is the instrument of slavery.

—Jean-Jacques Rousseau

I know of no industrial society where women are the economic equals of men. Of everything that economics measures, women get less.

— Ivan Illich

If the purpose of secondary education is to improve all students' ability to be successful as adults why is Algebra II required but not child-rearing or financial literacy or ethics?

—Grant Wiggins

Money can buy a house,
but not a home.

Money can buy a bed,
but not sleep.

Money can buy a clock,
but not time.

Money can buy a book,
but not knowledge.

Money can buy food,
but not an appetite.

Money can buy you friends,
but not LOVE.

—Unknown

Education, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men—the balance-wheel of the social machinery....It does better than to disarm the poor of their hostility towards the rich; it prevents being poor.

--Horace Mann

Be careful to leave your sons well instructed rather than rich, for the hopes of the instructed are better than the wealth of the ignorant.

—Epictetus

Cutting the deficit by gutting our investments in innovation and education is like lightening an overloaded airplane by removing its engine. It may make you feel like you're flying high at first, but it won't take long before you feel the impact.

—U.S. President Barack Obama

Future ages will certainly look back upon us as a people so immersed in the pursuit of wealth as to be blind to higher considerations.

—Alfred Russel Wallace

When I was young, I used to think that wealth and power would bring me happiness... I was right.

—Gahan Wilson

False riches, consisting of money, houses and lands, acquired by selfish means at cost to others and thereafter used selfishly, are almost always used for the oppression of other persons.

--Joseph Franklin
Rutherford

Greater financial and educational resources allow some parents to embed their children in neighborhoods and social settings in which they meet many college-educated adults with interesting careers. Upper-middle-class kids aren't just *told* a good education will help them succeed in life. They are surrounded by family and friends who work as doctors, lawyers, and engineers and who reminisce about their college years around the dinner table. Asian parents are an interesting exception: even when they are poor and unable to provide these types of social settings, they seem to be able to communicate the value and appeal of education in a similarly effective manner.

--Dana Goldstein

Public education does not exist for the benefit of students or the benefit of their parents. It exists for the benefit of the social order.

We have discovered as a species that it is useful to have an educated population. You do not need to be a student or have a child who is a student to benefit from public education. Every second of every day of your life, you benefit from public education.

So let me explain why I like to pay taxes for schools, even though I don't personally have a kid in school: It's because I don't like living in a country with a bunch of stupid people.

—John Green

In 2013, for the first time, a majority of public-school students in this country—51 percent, to be precise—fell below the federal government's low-income cutoff, meaning they were eligible for a free or subsidized school lunch. It was a powerful symbolic moment—an inescapable reminder that the challenge of teaching low-income children has become the central issue in American education.

—Paul Tough

It is as though our society has simply decided that the purpose of schooling is economic—to improve the financial condition of individuals and to advance the prosperity of the nation. Hence students should do well on standardized tests, get into good colleges, obtain well-paying jobs, and buy lots of things. Surely there must be more to education than this?

—Nel Noddings

U.S. taxpayers could reap \$45 billion a year if the number of high school dropouts were cut in half. The savings would be achieved via extra tax revenues; reduced costs of public health, crime, and justice; and decreased welfare payments.,

—Henry M. Levine

The superior man seeks what is right; the inferior one, what is profitable.

—Confucius

Our future economy will depend to an ever greater extent on thinking rather than repeating learned information....Education modeled around long lists of facts that ‘every adult should know’ and standardized tests will produce robots adept at *Trivial Pursuit* but unable to think for themselves or innovate for the future.

--Robert Reich

Some of the greatest thinking has been done by those who cared little for riches—Pasteur, Edison, Jane Addams—and who shall say that theirs was not the richer life? Today, the world knows the poetry of Shakespeare, the music of Wagner, the art of Rembrandt; but who knows even the names of the money barons of their day—or cares to know? If you want your name to live after you, you’ll not give all your thought to money. But, whether you want to make money, or write a book, or build a bridge, or run a streetcar—or do anything else successfully—you’ll do well to remember that in all the world there is no word more important than—‘*Think!*’

--Edwin Baird

Because knowledge is the steel of the modern economy—the essential commodity all else depends on—learning has become the strategically central enterprise for national economic strength that steelmaking was in the industrial age.

--Lewis J. Perelman

Information means money.

--B. C. Forbes

The financial meltdown of recent years underscores a related point [for high school]: Understanding our economic system is far more important than learning textbook chemistry.

—Grant Wiggins

It is no secret that organized crime in America takes in over forty billion dollars a year. This is quite a profitable sum, especially when one considers that the Mafia spends very little for office supplies.

—Woody Allen

Christmas is a time when kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults tell the government what they want—and their kids pay for it.

—Richard Lamm

Much of the pressure contemporary parents feel with respect to dressing children in designer clothes, teaching young children academics, and giving them instruction in sports derives directly from our need to use our children to impress others with our economic surplus.

--David Elkind

A father is a banker provided by nature.

--French Proverb

War destroys men, but luxury destroys mankind; at once corrupts the body and the mind.

— John Crowne

On the soft bed of luxury most kingdoms have expired.

— Edward Young

Possessions, outward success, publicity, luxury—to me these have always been contemptible. I believe that a simple and unassuming manner of life is best for every one, best for both the body and the mind.

— Albert Einstein

Luxury is the first, second and third cause of the ruin of republics. It is the vampire which soothes us into a fatal slumber while it sucks the lifeblood of our veins.

— Edward Payson

According to a Pew research Center study, 50 percent of married or cohabiting women report doing more child care than their male partners, whereas just 4 percent of men do more than their female partners. This disparity has a devastating effect on women's careers. Researchers refers to the gap between male and female wages and seniority as the 'motherhood penalty,' because it is almost entirely explained by the lower earnings and status of women with children.

—Andrew Moravcsik

Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much.

—Erich Fromm

I don't think that capitalism should be unbridled, if by 'unbridled' you mean unregulated.

—Chris Patten

The other America, the America of poverty, is hidden today in a way that it never was before. Its millions are socially invisible to the rest of us....The very development of American society is creating a new kind of blindness about poverty. The poor are increasingly slipping out of the very experience and consciousness of the nation.

--Michael Harrington

Wealth affects not only how much money is given but to whom it is given. The poor tend to give to religious organizations and social-service charities, while the wealthy prefer to support colleges and universities, arts organizations, and museums. Of the 50 largest individual gifts to public charities in 2012, 34 went to educational institutions, the vast majority of them colleges and universities, like Harvard, Columbia, and Berkeley, that cater to the nation's and the world's elite. Museums and arts organizations such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art received nine of these major gifts, with the remaining donations spread among medical facilities and fashionable charities like the Central Park Conservancy. Not a single one of them went to a social-service organization or to a charity that principally serves the poor and the dispossessed. More gifts in this group went to elite prep schools (one, to the Hackley School in Tarrytown, New York) than to any of our nation's largest social-service organizations, including United Way, the Salvation army, and Feeding America (which got, among them, zero).

--Ken Stern

Many people want the government to protect the consumer. A much more urgent problem is to protect the consumer from the government.

—Milton Friedman

I am absolutely convinced that no wealth in the world can help humanity forward, even in the hands of the most devoted worker. The example of great and pure individuals is the only thing that can lead us to noble thoughts and deeds. Money only appeals to selfishness and irresistibly invites abuse. Can anyone imagine Moses, Jesus or Gandhi armed with the money-bags of Carnegie?

—Albert Einstein

The U.S. tax code was written by A students. Every April 15, we have to pay somebody who got an A in accounting to keep ourselves from being sent to jail.

—P. J. O'Rourke

Money can help you to get medicines but not health. Money can help you to get soft pillows, but not sound sleep. Money can help you to get material comforts, but not eternal bliss. Money can help you to get ornaments, but not beauty. Money will help you to get an electric earphone, but not natural hearing. Attain the supreme wealth, wisdom, and you will have everything.

—Benjamin Franklin

The real measure of our wealth is how much we'd be worth if we lost all our money.

—Benjamin Jowett

The poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

--*Ecclesiastes 9:16*

Answers are not enough, students should be encouraged to ask questions and explore alternatives to the norm. Entrepreneurship and invention are the backbone of the new economy, yet I doubt they get more than a nod in economics courses.

—Jim Hunt

In the bubble decade, making money as an end in itself boomed as a calling among students at elite universities like Harvard, siphoning off gifted undergraduates who might otherwise have been scientists, teachers, doctors, entrepreneurs, artists or inventors.

—Frank Rich

Increased means and increased leisure are the two civilizers of man.

—Benjamin Disraeli

Poverty was the greatest motivating factor in my life.

—Jimmy Dean

We live on one income, not two, but there are ways to get by on less. First, want little. Second, be satisfied. Third, don't replace anything that still has a useful life. This last point has served our marriage well.

—Karen Maezen Miller

We survived the 1980's. Back then, the economic program was called 'trickle down.' That actually meant they were pissing on you. How the whole theory goes was this: 'We have all the money. If we drop some, it's yours. Go for it.'

—Bill Maher

New rule: If churches don't have to pay taxes, they also can't call the fire department when they catch fire. Sorry reverend, that's one of those services that goes along with paying in. I'll use the fire department I pay for. You can pray for rain.

—Bill Maher

Money isn't the most important thing in life, but it's reasonably close to oxygen on the 'gotta have it' scale.

—Zig Ziglar

Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that.

—Norman Vincent Peale

All the measures of the Government are directed to the purpose of making the rich richer and the poor poorer.

—William Henry
Harrison

There's no money in poetry, but then there's no poetry in money, either.

--Robert Graves

This is the United States of America. Greed is part of our M.O.

—Ernest Graham

Matthew Henry, the famous scholar, was once accosted by thieves and robbed of his purse. He wrote these words in his diary: 'Let me be thankful first, because I was never robbed before; second, because, although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because, although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed.'

—*Church of Ireland*

Wealth is a tool of freedom, but the pursuit of wealth is the way to slavery.

—Frank Herbert

There are probably several hundred thousand if we narrow the definition to include only those who in their search for money and power are ruthless and deceitful.

—Henry A. Wallace

It is but a truism that labor is most productive where its wages are largest. Poorly paid labor is inefficient labor, the world over.

--Henry George

It's not a ladder we're climbing, it's literature we're producing....We cannot possibly leave it to history as a discipline nor to sociology nor science nor economics to tell the story of our people.

--Nikki Giovanni

One of the tragedies of the modern economy is that because one's college history is such a crucial signal in our labor market, perfectly able people who simply couldn't sit still in a classroom at the age of 16, or who didn't have their act together at 18, or who chose not to go to graduate school at 22, routinely get left behind for good. That such early factors so profoundly affect career arcs and hiring decisions made two or three decades later is, on its face, absurd.

--Don Peck

Even for talented young women, a swift professional rise is far from preordained. Today, women begin their careers close to wage parity: according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, women between the ages of 25 and 34 earn almost 90 percent of what men do. The wage gap soon widens, however. Women between the ages of 45 and 54 make 76.6 percent of what men do. This is partly due to child-rearing logistics: a Pew Research Center report found that 42 percent of mothers had cut back on their work hours to care for a family member, and 51 percent of mothers with children under 18 said being a parent made it harder for them to advance professionally, compared with just 16 percent of fathers.

—Liza Mundy

When you buy from a small business, you are not helping a CEO buy a third vacation home. You are helping a little girl get dance lessons, a little boy get his team jersey, a mom put food on the table, a dad pay a mortgage or a student pay for college.

—Unknown

I've always taught that a poor economy is the best opportunity for salespeople because the naysayers and grumblers have already given up, leaving more territory, more opportunities to be successful than in a good economy when virtually all salespeople are out there, giving it their best.

—Zig Ziglar

The big companies and their short-term bottom line rule this country.

—Alexandra Paul

Government is nothing but who collects the money and how they spend it.

--Gore Vidal

I thought society would do the right thing. Now I look around and I think—society never does the right thing. Sometimes people do the right thing. Sometimes one person makes a difference. But civilization has rules, and I've learned them well—never be helpless, never be sick, never be poor.

—Christina Dodd

Once upon a time my political opponents honored me as possessing the fabulous intellectual and economic power by which I created a worldwide depression all by myself.

--Herbert Hoover

There are three constant issues that have run through American politics, ever since the founding of the Republic...war and peace...bread and butter...and black and white.

--Theodore White

Nothing is easier than spending the public money. It does not appear to belong to anybody. The temptation is overwhelming to bestow it on somebody.

--Calvin Coolidge

In government the budget is the message.

--I. F. Stone

The only way a government can provide anything to anybody is if they first take it away from somebody else. The government is capable of providing nothing but control. That is its only purpose.

--Simon L. Miller, Jr.

Every budget is a moral document.

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

All politics is rich people screwing poor people. Poor people are too stupid to know they're just chess pieces in a game. All the poor white people, all the poor black people, all the Hispanics, they're in the same boat. They got no economic opportunities ... they spend all their time blaming each other because rich people throw words at them like, illegal immigration, and racism and things like that. If poor people ever get smart, and realize like, 'We should band together, rise up, instead of fighting each other,' we probably can make a difference.

—Charles Barkley

This used to be a government of checks and balances. Now it's all checks and no balances.

--Gracie Allen

It is money, money, money! Not ideas, not principles, but money that reigns supreme in American politics.

—Robert Byrd

What's the difference between Republicans and Democrats? Democrats think low wages are a problem. Republicans think low wages are a solution.

—Richard Gephardt

Women are the sex which believes that if you charge it, it's not spending; and if you add a cherry to it, it's not intoxicating.

--Bill Vaughan

One of the most difficult things in the world is to convince a woman that even a bargain costs money.

—Edgar Watson Howe

Men only go bad once they get rich, but women only get rich once they go bad.

--Chinese Proverb

We women don't care too much about getting our pictures on money as long as we can get our hands on it.

--Ivy Baker Priest

Women like me don't have a life. We choose clothes, and pay calls, and work for charity, and do the season, but really we're stuck in a waiting room until we marry.

--Lady Mary, Upper
Class Heroine of
Downton Abbey

The labor of women in the house, certainly, enables men to produce more wealth than they otherwise could; and in this way women are economic factors in society. But so are horses.

—Charlotte Perkins
Gilman

When it is a question of money, everyone is of the same religion.

—Voltaire

A rich man without charity is a rogue; and perhaps it would be no difficult matter to prove that he is also a fool.

—Henry Fielding

The ghettos of America are the direct result of decades of public-policy decisions: the redlining of real estate zoning maps, the expanded authority given to prosecutors, the increased funding given to prisons. And all of this was done on the backs of people still reeling from the 250-year legacy of slavery. The results of this negative investment are clear—African Americans rank at the bottom of nearly every major socioeconomic measure in the country.

—Ta-Nehisi Coates

The unemployment rate among black college graduates (4.1 percent) is almost the same as the unemployment rate among white high-school graduates (4.6 percent). But that college degree is generally purchased at a higher price by blacks than by whites. According to research by the Brookings Institution, African Americans tend to carry more student debt four years after graduation (\$53,000 versus \$28,000) and suffer from a higher default rate on their loans (7.6 percent versus 2.4 percent) than white Americans. This is both the result and the perpetuator of a sprawling wealth gap between the races. White households, on average, hold seven times as much wealth as black households—a difference so large as to make comparing the ‘black middle class’ and ‘white middle class’ meaningless; they’re simply not comparable. According to Patrick Sharkey, a sociologist at New York University who studies economic mobility, black families making \$100,000 a year or more live in more-disadvantaged neighborhoods than white families making less than \$30,000. This gap didn’t just appear by magic; it’s the result of the government’s effort over many decades to create a pigmentocracy—one that will continue without explicit intervention.

—Ta-Nehisi Coates

Theoretically, you can make obviously a powerful argument that centuries of slavery, Jim Crow, discrimination are the primary cause for all those gaps [wealth, education, housing, employment.] That those were wrongs to the black community as a whole, and black families specifically, and that in order to close that gap, a society has a moral obligation to make a large, aggressive investment, even if it’s not in the form of individual reparations checks but in the form of a Marshall Plan.

—Barack Obama

Redistribution of wealth would require enormous amounts of investment. The only time an elite has accepted this has been during crises, such as in America in the 1930s under Roosevelt.

—Susan George

Imagine if you had genuine, high-quality early-childhood education for every child, and suddenly every black child in America...is getting a really good education. And they're graduating from high school at the same rates that whites are, and they are going to college at the same rates that whites are, and they are able to afford college at the same rates because the government has universal programs that say that you're not going to be barred from school just because of how much money your parents have.

So now they're all graduating,. And let's also say that the Justice Department and the courts are making sure, as I've said in a speech before, that when Jamal sends his résumé in, he's getting treated the same as when Johnny sends his résumé in. Now, are we going to have suddenly the same number of CEOs, billionaires, etc., as the white community? In 10 years? Probably not, maybe not even in 20 years.

But I guarantee you that we would be thriving, we would be succeeding. We wouldn't have huge numbers of young African American men in jail. We'd have more family formation as college-graduated girls are meeting boys who are their peers, which then in turn means the next generation of kids are growing up that much better. And suddenly you've got a whole generation that's in a position to start using the incredible creativity that we see in music, and sports, and frankly even on the streets, channeled into starting all kinds of businesses. I feel pretty good about our odds in that situation.

—Barack Obama

Never esteem men on account of their riches or their station. Respect goodness, find it where you may.

—William Cobbett

What if the cure for cancer is trapped inside the mind of someone who can't afford an education?

—Unknown

Place the real disgrace of poverty not in owing to the fact but in declining the struggle against it.

--Thucydides

You will always have the poor among you.

—*Matthew 26:11*

For every talent that poverty has stimulated it has blighted a hundred.

--John W. Gardner

America is an enormous frosted cupcake in the middle of millions of starving people.
--Gloria Steinem

The worst country to be poor in is America.
--Arnold Toynbee

The United States spends less proportionately on social welfare than almost any other industrial country.
--*Time*

The child was diseased at birth—stricken with an hereditary ill that only the most vital men are able to shake off. I mean poverty—the most deadly and prevalent of all diseases.

--Eugene O'Neill

A hungry man is not a free man.
--Adlai E. Stevenson

Poverty is constructed so as to destroy aspiration; it is a system designed to be impervious to hope. The other America does not contain the adventurous seeking a new life and land. It is populated by the failures, by those driven from the land and bewildered by the city, by the old people suddenly confronted with the torments of loneliness and poverty, and by minorities facing a wall of prejudice.
--Michael Harrington

Poverty destroys pride. It is difficult for an empty bag to stand upright.
--Alexandre Dumas

Poverty is not measured by history. It is measured by the standards of a man's own community. If most of America is well-fed, the man who can't find three meals a day for his family is poor. If most of America has modern weather-proof housing, the man whose home is leaky and has no piped water is poor. If most of America has enough medical care to stay alive until age seventy, the man who can't afford to live beyond age fifty-five is poor. Such a man is poor statistically. But he is poor in a more damaging way: he is a failure in his neighbor's eye and in his own.
--Ben H. Bagdikian

Bedbugs are what people mean when they say: Poverty.
--Michael Gold

Poverty does not mean the possession of little, but the non-possession of much.
--Antipater

You will always be poor if you are poor....Wealth is given today to none save the rich.

—Martial

It is not the man who has too little but the man who craves more, that is poor.
—Seneca

Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime.

—Aristotle

The rich man may never get into heaven, but the pauper is already serving his term in hell.

--Alexander Chase

There is no scandal like rags, nor any crime so shameful as poverty.

--George Farquhar

People who are much too sensitive to demand of cripples that they run races ask of the poor that they get up and act just like everyone else in the society.

--Michael Harrington

If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.

--John F. Kennedy

Short of genius, a rich man cannot imagine poverty.

--Charles Peguy

The more humanity owes him (the poor man), the more society denies him. Every door is shut against him, even when he has a right to its being opened: and if he ever obtains justice, it is with much greater difficulty than others obtain favours.

--Jean Jacques Rousseau

The primary duty of organized society is to enlarge the lives and increase the standards of living of all the people.

--Herbert Hoover

The greatest man in history was the poorest.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

He whose belly is full believes not him whose is empty.

--Thomas Fuller

It is not easy for men to rise whose qualities are thwarted by poverty.

--Juvenal

A hungry stomach cannot hear.

--Jean de La Fontaine

There is no virtue that poverty destroyeth not.

--John Florio

To be poor and independent is very nearly an impossibility.

--William Cobbett

Cheerless poverty has no harder trial than this, that it makes men the subject of ridicule.

--Juvenal

Any city, however small, is in fact divided into two, one the city of the poor, the other of the rich; these are at war with one another.

--Plato

It is the nature of the poor to hate and envy men of property.

--Plautus

Poverty is not dishonorable in itself, but only when it comes from idleness, intemperance, extravagance, and folly.

—Plutarch

Poverty is very terrible, and sometimes kills the very soul within us; but it is the north wind that lashes men into Vikings; it is the soft, luscious, south wind, which lulls them to lotus dreams.

--Ouida

Few save the poor feel for the poor.

--L. E. London

It is only luxury and avarice that make poverty grievous to us; for it is a very small matter that does our business; and when we have provided against cold, hunger, and thirst, all the rest is but vanity and excess.

--Seneca

Poverty often deprives a man of all spirit and virtue; it is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.

--Benjamin Franklin

Not to be able to bear poverty is a shameful thing; but not to know how to chase it away by work is a more shameful thing yet.

--Pericles

He is poor whose expenses exceed his income.

--Jean de La Bruyère

Wealth is the parent of luxury and indolence, and poverty of meanness and viciousness, and both of discontent.

—Plato

The difference between a rich man and a poor man is this—the former eats when he pleases, and the latter when he can get it.

--Sir Walter Raleigh

Mankind is divided into rich and poor, into property owners and exploited; and to abstract oneself from this fundamental division and from the antagonism between poor and rich means abstracting oneself from fundamental facts.

--Joseph Stalin

There is nothing to which men cling more tenaciously than the privileges of class.

--Leonard Sidney Woolf

The best way to fight poverty is with a weapon loaded with ambition.

--Septima Clark

No society can surely be flourishing and happy, of which the far greater part of the members are poor and miserable.

--Adam Smith

They do not easily rise whose abilities are repressed by poverty at home.

--Juvenal

Poverty is the only load which is the heavier the more loved ones there are to assist in supporting it.

--Richter

Well, let the world change on—still must endure
While earth is earth, one changeless race, the poor!

--Bulwer-Lytton

Most Americans agree...that to help lift the underclass out of poverty will require some combination of government help and greater personal responsibility. But...conservatives don't want to admit the need for government help and liberals don't want to tell poor people to take responsibility for their lives, so nothing gets done.

--Michael Nelson

The poor will always be with you.

--*John* 12:8

Poverty is an anomaly to rich people: it is very difficult to make out why people who want dinner do not ring the bell.

--Walter Bagehot

Poverty has many roots, but the tap root is ignorance.

--Lyndon B. Johnson

There is only one class in the community that thinks more about money than the rich, and that is the poor. The poor can think of nothing else. That is the misery of being poor.

--Oscar Wilde

As society advances the standard of poverty rises.

--Theodore Parker

The greatest of evils and the worst of crimes is poverty. . . our first duty—a duty to which every other consideration should be sacrificed—is not to be poor.

--George Bernard Shaw

When you are a rich, you are hated; when you are poor, you are despised.

--Ashanti Proverb

The psychological pain—and the ethical shame—of American poverty are made greater by the fact that this country possesses the wealth and the energy to raise all children to a minimally decent standard of living.

--Kenneth Keniston

Living in a frustrating, stress-inducing environment like a ghetto every day of your life makes many people walking powder kegs. There's a pent-up rage that isn't ventilated elsewhere; when something happens to trigger that rage, it can be murderous.

--Dr. LaMaurice Gardner

Poverty is no disgrace, but there are few disgraces that cause such keen humiliations.

--Leonard Merrick

Poverty—It kills love, it debases men and women, it stunts life, it withers the marrow.

--Christy Brown

You can measure a society by who shows up on skid row.

--Jerome Hannaman

Every American baby has a 1 in 4 chance of being born in poverty here in the richest nation in the world. No other industrial nation allows its children to be the poorest part of their population.

--Marian Wright
Edelman

Poor Americans are, by their own admission, so very unhappy. Man is a social animal who can only really be happy in four social domains: family, work, local community, and faith. In poor America, all four are in a state of collapse.

--Charles Murray

If you're poor, your health care's going to suck, your housing is going to suck, your infrastructure is going to suck...if you're poor, everything sucks.

--John Hope Bryant

Without a rich heart wealth is an ugly beggar.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

People in the city are poor because they are oppressed, discriminated against and alienated; people in the country are poor because they're too stupid to realize they ought to be living in the city.

—Garret Keize

There's a growing consensus that the most important input toward student achievement is child poverty and all the factors that go along with it. Unless and until we recommit ourselves to ending child poverty and reducing inequality, not just in schools but in families and communities, I don't see us reinventing ourselves. We can't put the cart before the horse. We've spent too long at this point saying, 'If we improve schools we'll erase poverty.' I think it's really time to try the other way around.

—Anya Kamenetz

No drug, not even alcohol, causes the fundamental ills of society. If we're looking for the source of our troubles, we shouldn't test people for drugs, we should test them for stupidity, ignorance, greed and love of power.

—P. J. O'Rourke

People who relieve others of their money with guns are called robbers. It does not alter the immorality of the act when the income transfer is carried out by government.

—Cal Thomas

We have grown literally afraid to be poor. We despise any one [sic] who elects to be poor in order to simplify and save his inner life. If he does not join the general scramble and pant with the money-making street, we deem him spiritless and lacking in ambition. We have lost the power even of imagining what the ancient idealization of poverty could have meant: the liberation from material attachments, the unbribed soul, the manlier indifference, the paying our way by what we are or do and not by what we have, the right to fling away our life at any moment irresponsibly, --- the more athletic trim, in short, the moral fighting shape. . . it is certain that the fear of poverty among the educated classes is the worst moral disease from which our civilization suffers.

—William James

We are taxed twice as much by our Idleness, three times as much by our Pride, and four times as much by our Folly, and from these Taxes the Commissioners cannot ease or deliver us by allowing an Abatement. However let us hearken [sic] to good Advice, and something may be done for us; God helps them that help themselves, as Poor Richard says, in his Almanack of 1733.

—Benjamin Franklin

Wealth is excessive when it reduces a man to a middleman and a jobber, when it prevents him, in his preoccupation with material things, from making his spirit the measure of them. There are Nibelungen who toil underground over a gold they will never use, and in their obsession with production begrudge themselves all holidays, all concessions to inclination, to merriment, to fancy.

—George Santayana

Most of the luxuries, and many of the so-called comforts of life, are not only not indispensable, but positive hindrances to the elevation of mankind. With respect to luxuries and comforts, the wisest have ever lived a more simple and meagre life than the poor. The ancient philosophers, Chinese, Hindoo [sic], Persian, and Greek, were a class than which none has been poorer in outward riches, none so rich in inward. We know not much about them. It is remarkable that we know so much of them as we do. The same is true of the more modern reformers and benefactors of their race. None can be an impartial or wise observer of human life but from the vantage ground of what we should call voluntary poverty.

—Henry David Thoreau

Riches are valuable at all times, and to all men; because they always purchase pleasures, such as men are accustomed to, and desire: Nor can any thing [sic] restrain or regulate the love of money, but a sense of honour and virtue; which, if it be not nearly equal at all times, will naturally abound most in ages of knowledge and refinement.

—David Hume

The wealth of a nation consists not in its mass of material things, but in its system. The natural resources of South America are not inferior to those of the United States, but the wealth of the two regions is vastly different. The land of India is far richer than that of Japan, but the comparative wealth of the two nations is reversed.

--George Brockway

I have tried to teach people there are three kicks in every dollar: one, when you make it; two, when you have it. The third kick it when you give it away—and it is the biggest kick of all.

—William Allen White

Part of your heritage in this society is the opportunity to become financially independent.

—Jim Rohn

It is better for you to be free of fear lying upon a pallet, than to have a golden couch and a rich table and be full of trouble.

—Epicurus

We seek a thousand reasons to accuse vice in poverty, but two thousand to excuse it in prosperity.

--J. Petit-Senn

Luxury is more deadly than any foe.

—Juvenal

Poverty never drives a man to drink unless he wants to go, but drink will drive a man to poverty whether he wants to go or not.

--Unknown

Alcoholism is tragically high on the list of our nation's health problems. Five million Americans are alcoholics. They bring incalculable grief to millions of families. They cost their families, their employers and society billions of dollars.

--Lyndon Baines Johnson

A drinker has a hole under his nose that all his money runs into.

--Thomas Fuller

Almost anything can be preserved in alcohol, except health, happiness, and money.

--Mary Wilson Little

The prevailing business culture in the banking industry weakens and undermines the honesty norm. The apples are good, but the barrel is bad.

—Alain Cohn

It is difficult but not impossible to conduct strictly honest business. What is true is that honesty is incompatible with the amassing of large fortune.

--Mohandas K. Gandhi

It is sheer madness to live in want in order to be wealthy when you die.

--Juvenal

What a death in life it must be—an existence whose sole aim is good eating and drinking, splendid houses and elegant clothes! Not that these things are bad in moderation—and with something higher beyond. But with nothing beyond?

--Dinah Maria Mulock

First health, then wealth, then pleasure, and do not owe anything to anybody.

--Catherine the Great

Wealth is the ability to fully experience life.

—Henry David Thoreau

I take him to be the only rich man that lives upon what he has, owes nothing, and is contented.

--Nathaniel Howe

A great fortune in the hands of a fool is a great misfortune.

—Unknown

Law grinds the poor, and rich men rule the law.

—Oliver Goldsmith

Somebody has to teach Americans that we don't always have to have something newer, better every year. Or in the case of our upside-down economic system, every quarter.... Somewhere along the way we bought into this insane idea that everything always has to get bigger, especially sales. Having a really good year and then just repeating it — not good enough. In corporate America, the stock market is the tail that wags the dog. Growth, growth, holy growth, is the only thing that ever matters. Better than last quarter, beat expectations, eat more hamburgers.

—Bill Maher

Be glad that you're greedy; the national economy would collapse if you weren't.

—Mignon McLaughlin

I think the enemy is here before us.... I think the enemy is simple selfishness and compulsive greed.... I think he stole our earth from us, destroyed our wealth, and ravaged and despoiled our land.

—Thomas Wolfe

The unrealistic feelings that are ingrained in us from a young age—that we need to have massive amounts of money to be considered a success—not only lead us to a higher likelihood of feeling inadequate, anxious or depressed, but also make us think that the only value in getting an education is to make a lot of money, which is the wrong way to look at it.

—Sarah Ann Slater

Approximately 1,000 high school students will drop out with each hour that passes in a school day in America. This means that 30 percent of the class of 2007, or 1.2 million students, were estimated to have dropped out last year. The high school dropout crisis has received significant recent attention from researchers, policy makers and the media. It has been widely reported that one in three boys, and nearly 50 percent or more of some racial and ethnic groups of boys, will fail to graduate from high school with a diploma in four years. This is an alarming finding that demands prompt remedial action. What has been generally overlooked, however, is that girls, too, are dropping out of high school at dangerously high rates. In fact, one in four girls overall do not finish high school, and the numbers are worse for girls of color. One in two Native American female students, four in ten Black female students, and nearly four in ten Hispanic female students fail to graduate with a diploma each year. There are significant costs to be paid by both the individual and the nation as a whole for each and every student who drops out of high school. In general, dropouts face significant challenges to obtaining employment and achieving economic security. Female dropouts are at particular economic risk. As compared to their male peers, girls who fail to graduate from high school have higher rates of unemployment; make significantly lower wages; and are more likely to need to rely on public support programs to provide for their families. With so many students dropping out of high school each year, the aggregate drain on our nation's economy—through foregone income tax revenue and increased public spending—is substantial. At a time when every hour counts, the dropout rates and educational experiences of female students cannot be ignored.

—*National Women's Law
Center*

He is not poor that hath not much, but he that craves much.

—Thomas Fuller

According to one oft-repeated rule of thumb, spending on experiences rather than objects makes you happiest. When asked to reflect on a purchase, people who described experiential ones—travel, say, or concerts—were much happier than those who described material ones.

—Thomas Gilovich and
Leaf Van Boren

More than income, investments, or debt, the amount of cash in one's checking account correlates with life satisfaction.

—Peter M. Ruberton

Remember that time is money.

--Benjamin Franklin

It is usually people in the money business, finance, and international trade that are really rich.

—Robin Leach

The best way to teach your kids about taxes is by eating 30 percent of their ice cream.

—Bill Murray

I was walking down fifth avenue today and I found a wallet, and I was gonna keep it, rather than return it, but I thought: well, if I lost a hundred and fifty dollars, how would I feel? And I realized I would want to be taught a lesson.

—Emo Philips

If you don't want to work, you have to work to earn enough money so that you won't have to work.

--Ogden Nash

No labor is really menial unless you're not getting adequate wages. What makes it menial is the income, the wages.

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

How many years of fatigue and punishment it takes to learn the simple truth that work, that disagreeable thing, is the only way of not suffering in life, or at all events, of suffering less.

--Charles Baudelaire

'A fair day's wage for a fair day's work': it is as just a demand as governed men ever made of governing. It is the everlasting right of man.

--Thomas Carlyle

The all-American work ethic, destructive enough by itself, also packs a gender double standard that strip-mines the natural resources of both parents. It has taught us that as their earnings and success increase, men become 'more manly,' while women become 'less feminine.' This perverse cultural dynamic gives fathers an incentive to stay away from their families and kill themselves at work, while coercing mothers to limit their career commitment, which in turn limits their wages and shortchanges their families.

--Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Labor is the source of all wealth and all culture.

--Ferdinand Lassalle

The most important career decision you're going to make is whether or not you have a life partner and who that partner is.

--Sheryl Sandberg

Women are working for major corporations but not leading them. Practicing medicine but rarely heading medical departments or hospitals. Running for political office but still not winning more than a token percentage of seats. As of 2012, women accounted for only 16 percent of partners at the country's largest law firms. And 15 percent of senior executives at Fortune 100 firms. They constituted only 10 percent of the country's aerospace engineers, 7 percent of its Hollywood directors, and 16 percent of its congressional representatives. And they still earn, on average, only 77 cents to every man's dollar.

--Deborah Spar

As our economy has transitioned away from manufacturing and industry, men with a high-school education can no longer expect the steady, well-paying union jobs that formerly enabled many to support their families. Out-dated assumptions that men should bring something to the table, and that this something should be money, don't help. Surveying their prospects, many working-class mothers reject marriage altogether, perhaps reasoning that they can support a child, but don't want a dependent husband.

--Liza Mundy

Good husbands—the selection of whom is the most important career choice young women can make.

--Sheryl Sandberg

I may sometimes be willing to teach for nothing, but if paid at all, I shall never do a man's work for less than a man's pay.

--Clara Barton

Half of the decline [labor losses] is the result of businesses' replacing workers with computers and software. In 1964, the nation's most valuable company, AT & T, was worth \$267 billion in today's dollars and employed 758,611 people. Today's telecommunications giant, Google, is worth \$370 billion but has only about 55,000 employees—less than a tenth the size of AT & T's workforce in its heyday.

—Derek Thompson

Work is really three things: the means by which the economy produces goods, the means by which people earn income, and an activity that lends meaning or purpose to many people's lives.

—Peter Frase

Leisure is an indispensable ingredient in a growing consumer market because working people need to have enough free time to find uses for consumer products, including automobiles.

—Henry Ford

People will always work harder if they're getting well paid and if they're afraid of losing a job which they know will be hard to equal. As is well known, if you pay peanuts, you get monkeys.

--Armand Hammer

Whether it's a \$50,000 platinum grill (worn by rapper Lil Jon) or an opulent necklace eyed by a woman in Beverly Hills, the desire for bling cuts across race, class and gender....In our culture, a lot of what drives us is this quest for more—money, fame, beauty. This is an addictive quest. And you can know it's bad, but you're still addicted.

—Lauren Greenfield

No man can be a good citizen unless he has a wage more than sufficient to cover the bare cost of living, and hours of labor short enough so that after his day's work is done he will have time and energy to bear his share in the management of the community, to help in carrying the general load. We keep countless men from being good citizens by the conditions of life with which we surround them.

--Theodore Roosevelt

A man's respect for law and order exists in precise relationship to the size of his paycheck.

--Adam Clayton
Powell Jr.

A man's treatment of money is the most decisive test of his character—how he makes it and how he spends it.

--James Moffatt

Get to know two things about a man—how he earns his money and how he spends it—and you have the clue to his character, for you have a searchlight that shows up the inmost recesses of his soul. You know all you need to know about his standards, his motives, his driving desires, his real religion.

--Robert James
McCracken

The two great tests of character are wealth and poverty.

--Charles A. Beard

Dollars have never been known to produce character, and character will never be produced by money.

--Will Keith Kellogg

You are no longer a boy, and one of the first duties which a man owes to his friends and to society is to live within his income.

—Thomas Hughes

All told, over the period 1932-1980, nearly half a century, the top federal income tax rate in the United States averaged 81 percent.

—Thomas Piketty

Students who acquire large debts putting themselves through school are unlikely to think about changing society. When you trap people in a system of debt . They can't afford the time to think. Tuition fee increases are a 'disciplinary technique,' and, by the time students graduate, they are not only loaded with debt, but have also internalized the 'disciplinarian culture.' This makes them efficient components of the consumer economy.

—Noam Chomsky

Equal pay isn't just a women's issue; when women get equal pay, their family incomes rise and the whole family benefits.

—Mike Honda

He who buys what he does not need steals from himself.

—Swedish Proverb

My grandmother has hundreds of axioms. One of them was 'If you think you want something, wait a month.' One of three things will happen if you follow this sage advice. One: You will forget. Two: You will no longer need it. Or three: You will need it more. Most often numbers one and two will happen.

—Matthew Sleeth

Change of fashions is the tax which industry imposes on the vanity of the rich.

--Nicolas Chamfort

Forethought and temperance are the virtues which produced thrift, and with thrift the economic progress of society. And those are the virtues which today are gravely compromised.

—Adriano Tilgher

Cultural values are, in themselves, neutral as well as universal, and so much depends on how individuals or ethnic groups use them. Values are influenced by so many factors such as geography, climate, religion, the economy and technology.

—F. Sionil Jose

According to the *American Pet Products Association*, pet spending has risen every year since 1994, even during the Great Recession, and is estimated to have reached almost \$63 billion last year. Some of us contribute more to that total than others, however. For example, people who have attended college are more likely than those who didn't to make 'speciality purchases' for their dogs.

—Michael J. Dotson and
Eva M. Hyatt

Our need for security has led us into an insane attachment to things. We really must understand that the lust for affluence in contemporary society is psychotic. It is psychotic because it has completely lost touch with reality. We crave things we neither need nor enjoy. 'We buy things we do not want to impress people we do not like'. Where planned obsolescence leaves off, psychological obsolescence takes over. We are made to feel ashamed to wear clothes or drive cars until they are worn out. The mass media have convinced us that to be out of step with fashion is to be out of step with reality. It is time we awaken to the fact that conformity to a sick society is to be sick.

—Richard J. Foster

If you want to know whether you are destined to be a success or a failure in life, you can easily find out. The test is simple and it is infallible. Are you able to save money? If not, drop out. You will lose.

--James J. Hill

After you reach a certain point, money becomes unimportant. What matters is success.

--Aristotle Onassis

Lampis the shipowner, on being asked how he acquired his great wealth, replied, 'My great wealth was acquired with no difficulty, but my small wealth, my first gains, with much labor.'

—Epictetus

Five things are essential to success: one is wealth, and the other four are money.

—Unknown

For a man, success in life consists in getting the money; for a woman, in getting the man who gets the money.

--Unknown

An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen.

—Earl Wilson

Poverty must have many satisfactions, else there would not be so many poor people.

—Don Herold

The worst to be feared and the best to be expected can be simply stated.

The worst is atomic war.

The best would be this: a life of perpetual fear and tension; a burden of arms draining the wealth and the labor of all peoples; a wasting of strength that defies the American system or the Soviet system or any system to achieve true abundance and happiness for the peoples of this earth.

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.

This world in arms is not spending money alone.

It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children.

The cost of one modern heavy bomber is this: a modern brick school in more than 30 cities.

It is two electric power plants, each serving a town of 60,000 population.

It is two fine, fully equipped hospitals.

It is some 50 miles of concrete highway.

We pay for a single fighter plane with a half million bushels of wheat.

We pay for a single destroyer with new homes that could have housed more than 8,000 people.

This, I repeat, is the best way of life to be found on the road the world has been taking.

This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron.

--Dwight D. Eisenhower

The unrestricted competition so commonly advocated does not leave us the survival of the fittest. The unscrupulous succeed best in accumulating wealth.

—Rutherford B. Hayes

It's all very well to have principles, but when it comes to money you have to be flexible.

—Eugene Ormandy

Capitalism puts things (capital) higher than life (labor). Power follows from possession, not from activity.

— Erich Fromm

Who covets more is evermore a slave.

—Robert Herrick

One of the most important lessons of the wars...is that military success is not sufficient to win. There is a need for a dramatic increase in spending on the civilian instruments of national security—diplomacy, strategic communications, foreign assistance, civic action, and economic reconstruction and development.

—Defense Sec. Robert
Gates

Wars are not paid for in wartime; the bill comes later.

—Benjamin Franklin

Give me the money that has been spent in war, and I will purchase every foot of land upon the globe. I will clothe every man, woman and child in an attire of which kings and queens would be proud. I will build a school house on every hillside, and in every valley over the whole earth; I will build an academy in every town, and endow it; a college in every State, and fill it with able professors; I will crown every hill with a place of worship, consecrated to the promulgation of the gospel of peace; I will support in every pulpit an able teacher of righteousness, so that on every Sabbath morning the chime on one hill should answer to the chime on another round the earth's wide circumference; and the voice of prayer, and the song of praise, should ascend like an universal holocaust to heaven.

--Henry Richard

Love lasteth as long as the money endureth.

--William Caxton

Whether you have a Maruti or a BMW, the road remains the same. Whether you travel economy class or business, your destination doesn't change. Whether you have a Titan or a Rolex, the time is the same. There is nothing wrong in dreaming a luxurious life. What needs to be taken care of is not let need become greed. Because needs can always be met, but greed can never be fulfilled.

--Rajinikanth

A man in love is like a clipped coupon—it's time to cash in.

--Mae West

As I traveled the country to a series of welfare-reform hearings late last year, I met many African-Americans who believe that the welfare system is one of the worst things that ever happened to poor people in general and to African-Americans in particular. Many people still remembered times when we, as a group, would do any kind of honest work and were too proud to accept 'handouts.' They believe that welfare has robbed us of our dignity and sense of self-determination. They feel that this system, ostensibly devised to help uplift women and children, has actually made us poorer as a people.

--Avis LaVelle

If you're poor and ignorant, with a child, you're a slave. Meaning that you're never going to get out of it. These women are in bondage to a kind of slavery that the 13th Amendment just didn't deal with. The old master provided food, clothing and health care to the slaves because he wanted them to get up and go to work in the morning. And so on welfare: you get food, clothing and shelter—you get survival, but you can't really do anything else. You can't control your life.

--Dr. Jocelyn Elders

The consequences of 250 years of enslavement, of war upon black families and black people, were profound. Like homeownership today, slave ownership was aspirational, attracting not just those who owned slaves but those who wished to. Much as homeowners today might discuss the addition of a patio or the painting of a living room, slaveholders traded tips on the best methods for breeding workers, exacting labor, and doling out punishment. Just as a homeowner today might subscribe to a magazine like *This Old House*, slaveholders had journals such as *De Bow's Review*, which recommended the best practices for wringing profits from slaves. By the dawn of the Civil War, the enslavement of black America was thought to be so foundational to the country that those who sought to end it were branded heretics worthy of death. Imagine what would happen if a president today came out in favor of taking all American homes from their owners: the reaction might well be violent.

--Ta-Nehisi Coates

Love is an ocean of emotions entirely surrounded by expenses.

--Sir James Dewar

None of you white people in the audience would change places with me, and I'm rich.

—Chris Rock

During my eleven years as a New York City public school teacher, I saw firsthand the impact that poverty has on the classroom. In low-income neighborhoods like Sunset Park, where I taught, students as young as five years old enter school affected by the stresses often created by poverty: domestic violence, drug abuse, gang activity.

—Sal Albanese

More people have to start spending as much time in the library as they do on the basketball court. If they took the ideas that they could escape poverty through education, I think it would make a more basic and long-lasting change in the way things are done.

--Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

The ratio of rich math whizzes to poor ones is 3 to 1 in south Korea and 3.7 to 1 in Canada, to take two representative developed countries. In the U.S., it is 8 to 1. And while the proportion of American students scoring at advanced levels in math is rising, those gains are almost entirely limited to the children of the highly educated, and largely exclude the children of the poor. By the end of high school, the percentage of low-income advanced-math learners rounds to zero.

—Peg Tyre

The rich middle-and high-school kids...show higher rates of alcohol and drug abuse on average than poor kids, and much higher rates than the national norm. They report clinically significant depression or anxiety or delinquent behaviors at a rate two to three times the national average. Starting in the seventh grade, the rich cohort includes just as many kids who display troubling levels of delinquency as the poor cohort, although the rule-breaking takes different forms. The poor kids, for example, fight and carry weapons more frequently....The rich kids, meanwhile, report higher levels of lying, cheating, and theft.

—Hanna Rosin citing a
Yale Psychiatry
Department Study
by Suniya Luthar

Love conquers all things—except poverty and toothache.

--Mae West

Nations have recently been led to borrow billions for war; no nation has ever borrowed largely for education. Probably, no nation is rich enough to pay for both war and civilization. We must make our choice; we cannot have both.

--Abraham Flexner

Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.

—Epicurus

The curse of poverty has no justification in our age.

—Martin Luther
King, Jr.

There is a side of poverty, exacerbated by race, that is much more difficult to understand. It is subtle yet oppressive. It is communicated by stares, gestures, and tone. Unless you've been there, you can't possibly understand.

--Joseph Tovares

The meaning of globalization is that...the economy of each country is dependent on the economy of all the others.

—Richard Grasso

One day a wealthy family man took his son on a trip to the country so he could have his son see how poor country people were. They stayed one day and one night in the farm of a very humble farm house. At the end of the trip and back home the father asked the son, 'What did you think of the trip?' The son replied, 'Very nice, Dad.'

Father: 'Did you notice how poor they were?'

Son: 'Yes.'

Father: 'What did you learn?'

Son: 'I learned that we have one dog in the house and they have four. We have a fountain in the garden and they have a stream that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden, they have the stars. Our garden goes to the edge of our property, they have the entire horizon as their back yard.'

At the end of the son's reply the father was speechless and his son added: 'Thank you dad for showing me how poor we really are.'

Isn't it true that all depends on the crystal you use to see life.

--Unknown

There is no wealth but life.

--John Ruskin

Income from labor [in the United States] is about as unequally distributed as has ever been observed anywhere.

--Thomas Piketty

The secret of wealth is that workers are systematically underpaid.

--Julie Rivkin

The most popular labor-saving device today is still a husband with money.

--Joey Adams

Show me one couple unhappy merely on account of their limited circumstances, and I will show you ten who are wretched from other causes.

--Samuel Taylor
Coleridge

He who has nothing and wants something is less frustrated than he who has something and wants more.

—Eric Hoffer

The rich woman who marries a money-loving husband is as good as unmarried.

--Juvenal

A poor man who marries a wealthy woman gets a ruler and not a wife.

--Anaxandrides

There are but two objects in marriage, love or money. If you marry for love, you will certainly have some very happy days, and probably many very uneasy ones; if for money, you will have no happy days and probably no uneasy ones.

--Lord Chesterfield

No woman marries for money; they are all clever enough, before marrying a millionaire, to fall in love with him first.

--Cesare Pavese

There is no road to wealth so easy and respectable as that of matrimony.

--Anthony Trollope

The comfortable estate of widowhood, is the only hope that keeps up a wife's spirits.
--John Gay

Never marry for money. Ye'll borrow it cheaper.
--Scottish Proverb

There is nothing that changes a woman's affection for a man into indifference more quickly than the realization that the husband holds the purse strings too tightly, and that she is forced into the humiliating position of asking for every penny she needs.
--Baroness Summerskill

Marrying for money is the hardest way to earn it.
—Unknown

Matrimony is a popular form of disagreement where the husband thinks the wife should spend less, and the wife thinks the husband should earn more.
--Unknown

Each [of my wives] was jealous and resentful of my preoccupation with business. Yet none showed any visible aversion to sharing in the proceeds.
--J. Paul Getty

According to a new study, women with lower IQs are more likely to marry rich guys. And women with higher IQs are more likely to marry rich old guys.
--Jimmy Fallon

The research shows that marriage is a predictor of greater well-being, social support, and financial stability; lower depression; and better physical health.
--Robert Nohr, Ph.D.

In nearly 40 percent of American marriages, the wife earns more than the husband. Data indicate that this power inversion can trigger not just problems with gender identity but a troubling amount of male infidelity (peculiar new trend: women who are financially dependent on their husbands tend to be faithful, while, paradoxically, financially dependent men tend to stray). One 2010 study showed that when a woman's contribution to household income tops 60 percent, the couple is more likely to divorce.
--Sandra Tsing Loh

College graduates who wait until they are 30 to get married report an average annual income of about \$50,000—\$20,000 a year more than those who married before the age of 21. They also report arguing less frequently, and intensely, with their spouses.

--Megan McArdle

Save marriage, ditch weddings. There has to be a better use of the many months and \$28,427 the average American couple spends on party planning.

--*The Atlantic*

When one's friends marry for money they are wretched; when they marry for love it is worse.

--Nancy Mitford

Marry for love if you can, it won't last, but it is a very interesting experience and makes a good beginning in life. Later on, when you marry for money, for heaven's sake let it be big money. There are no other possible reasons for marrying at all.

--Nancy Mitford

Men who are economically dependent on their wives are more likely than others to be unfaithful.

—Christin Munsch

Babysitter \$800 a month, Diapers \$100 a month, Formula \$150 a month....Abstinence...priceless.

—Slogan

Marriage, in what is evidently its most popular version, is now on the one hand an intimate 'relationship' involving (ideally) two successful careerists in the same bed, and on the other hand a sort of private political system in which rights and interests must be constantly asserted and defended. Marriage, in other words, has now taken the form of divorce: a prolonged and impassioned negotiation as to how things shall be divided. During their understandably temporary association, the 'married' couple will typically consume a large quantity of merchandise and a large portion of each other.

The modern household is the place where the consumptive couple do their consuming. Nothing productive is done there. Such work as is done there is done at the expense of the resident couple or family, and to the profit of suppliers of energy and household technology. For entertainment, the inmates consume television or purchase other consumable diversion elsewhere.

There are, however, still some married couples who understand themselves as belonging to their marriage, to each other, and to their children. What they have they have in common, and so, to them, helping each other does not seem merely to damage their ability to compete against each other. To them, 'mine' is not so powerful or necessary a pronoun as 'ours.'

This sort of marriage usually has at its heart a household that is to some extent productive. The couple, that is, makes around itself a household economy that involves the work of both wife and husband, that gives them a measure of economic independence and self-employment, a measure of freedom, as well as a common ground and a common satisfaction.

—Wendell Berry

'There are so many ways in which people who are married are given more financial benefits' says Bella DePaulo. Relationships don't alter the basic price of services, but it does give couples one competitive advantage: Their expenses are cut in half. Two people can split the bill on housing, utilities, groceries and social events.

—Kellie Ell

The real paradox is that the men who make, materially, the biggest sacrifices for their women should do the least for them ideally and romantically.

--Edith Wharton

People still want to marry rich. Girls especially....It's simple. Don't date poor boys. Go where the rich are....You don't have to be rich to go where they go.

--Sheilah Graham

If men acted after marriage as they do during courtship there would be fewer divorces—and more bankruptcies.

--Frances Rodman

All heiresses are beautiful.

--John Dryden

A woman prefers a man without money to money without a man.

--Greek Proverb

There should be as little merit in loving a woman for her beauty, as a man for his prosperity, both being equally subject to change.

—Alexander Pope

If you wish to ruin yourself, marry a rich wife.

—Jules Michelet

Romance

without finance

don't stand a chance.

--African-American Folk
Saying

A gold rush is what happens when a line of chorus girls spot a man with a bank roll.

--Mae West

A poor beauty finds more lovers than husbands.

—Proverb

A fortune hunter is a considerate man who doesn't let money stand between a girl and her happiness.

—Evan Esar

Many a man seeks to marry a rich girl so that his wife may have everything she wants.

—Evan Esar

Many a bachelor never marries until he meets the right amount.

—Evan Esar

A fortune hunter is a man without any dollars who is trying to find a rich woman without any sense.

—Evan Esar

Love at first sight saves a lot of time and money.

--Unknown

Money is a form of magic: it turns a long, lanky girl who has it into a tall, stately creature.

—Unknown

A playboy is a man whose fortune always depends on his choice of a father.

--Unknown

There is no get-rich-quick scheme equal to a poor girl marrying a rich man.
--Ed Howe

A fool and her money are soon courted.
--Helen Rowland

No finance, no romance.
--Lyle Lovett

Coffee, chocolate, men... some things are just better rich.
—T-Shirt Slogan

Women swear up and down that looks are not nearly as important to them as they are to men, that a woman will not hesitate to marry an unattractive man if he has other compensatory qualities, such as a sense of humor or a highly developed intellect or a villa in Tuscany. I only believe the part about the villa in Tuscany.
--Joe Queenan

Don't go for looks, they can deceive. Don't go for wealth, even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright.
—*boardofwisdom.com*

A short cut to riches is to subtract from our desires.
—Petrarch

We must face up to the fact that the phenomenon of out-of-wedlock births has reached epidemic proportions and is undermining the viability of our community. We've simply got to persuade our young people that they ought not to bring their own flesh and blood into this world unless they are fully prepared to love, nurture and provide for them.
If they aren't ready and willing to assume full responsibilities of parenthood, then this is an almost surefire prescription for poverty for their own flesh and blood. They owe their children and our people a better shot at success in life.
--Hugh Price

If a man gives a woman wealth, it is only a proof of his generosity; but if he gives her his time, it is proof of his love.
--Ninon de l'Enclos

Money can't buy love, but it improves your bargaining position.

--Christopher Marlowe

Don't go broke trying to act rich. Act your wage.

—The Chive

Couples tended to be of roughly equivalent personal attractiveness, though of course factors such as money often seemed to secure a partner of significantly better looks than oneself.

—Robert Galbraith

The real minimum wage is zero.

—Thomas Sowell

The rich swell up with pride, the poor from hunger.

—Sholom Aleichem

We never had it as rough as the kids have it today. Look at the price of a gallon of gas or a piece of real estate or a college education.

—Suze Orman

In bad times, the rich usually get richer.

—Stuart Wilde

What madness it is for a man to starve himself to enrich his heir, and so turn a friend into an enemy! For his joy at your death will be proportioned to what you leave him.

--Seneca

There's already a huge disparity between the lifespans of rich and poor Americans, and critics of new longevity research worry the gap may only grow wider. A 2016 report from the Brookings Institution found that, for men born in 1920, there was a six-year difference in life expectancy between men at the top 10% and bottom 10% of their earnings ladder. For men born in 1950, the difference was 14 years. For women, the gap grew from 4.7 to 13 years. In other words, advances in medicine haven't helped low income Americans nearly as much as their wealthier counterparts.

—Elmo Keep

More than half of American workers are in danger of retiring without enough money, according to Boston College's Center for Retirement Research. The center found that children should get at least some of the blame, according to a study released this month. [10/2017] It may seem obvious that kids make it harder to save. In practice, however, parents can compensate for the extra costs of parenting by spending less on themselves. Parents are often forced to budget carefully—a skill that will pay off long after their children are grown....The bottom line is that households with children would be expected at the end of their work-lives to have less income and lower wealth....A key contributing factor to parents' financial shortfalls is the so-called motherhood penalty. The typical mother earns \$9,400 less per year than the median woman without children.

—Ben Steverman

Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort.

--Franklin D. Roosevelt

Of mortals there is no one who is happy.
If wealth flows in upon one, one may be perhaps
Luckier than one's neighbor, but still not happy.

—Euripides

Let us face it: in the world today, money and economic strength remain more powerful arguments than the number of people you represent.

—Guy Verhofstadt

Americans over age 50 are the prime targets of crooks who want to steal what they've accumulated over a lifetime. The FBI lists several reasons why this is true. First, older Americans usually have more money, invested in their homes and retirement savings. They also grew up in a more trusting time. They have specific health needs that can be exploited by con artists. Plus, when older people are scammed, they are often too embarrassed to report the crime.

—Michael Hedges

Modern man's happiness consists in the thrill of looking at the shop windows, and in buying all that he can afford to buy, either for cash or on installments.

--Erich Fromm

It is neither wealth nor splendor, but tranquility and occupation, which give happiness.

--Thomas Jefferson

Happiness seems to require a modicum of external prosperity.

--Aristotle

Contentment is when your earning power equals your yearning power.

--Unknown

Contentment is life consists not in great wealth, but in simple wants.

—Unknown

Only when man's life comes to its end in prosperity can one call that man happy.

--Aeschylus

It's pretty hard to tell what brings happiness; poverty and wealth have both failed.

--Kin Hubbard

There is no more mistaken path to happiness than worldliness, revelry, high life.

--Arthur Schopenhauer

There is a time when a man distinguishes the idea of felicity from the idea of wealth; it is the beginning of wisdom.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

The greatest humbug in the world is the idea that money can make a man happy. I never had any satisfaction with mine until I began to do good with it.

--C. Pratt

Money and time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the unhappiest of all mortals are those who have more of either than they know how to use.

--Samuel Johnson

A contented heart is better than a full purse.

--Italian Proverb

A happy life is one spent in learning, earning and yearning.

--Lillian Gish

There are two ways of being happy: We must either diminish our wants or augment our means.

--Benjamin Franklin

If you want happiness for an hour—
take a nap.
If you want happiness for a day—
go fishing.
If you want happiness for a month—
get married.
If you want happiness for a year—
inherit a fortune.
If you want happiness for a lifetime—
help someone else.

--Chinese Proverb

The man with a toothache thinks everyone happy whose teeth are sound. The poverty-stricken man makes the same mistake about the rich man.

--George Bernard Shaw

People say that money is not the key to happiness, but I always figured if you have enough money, you can have a key made.

—Joan Rivers

Comparing Russia with the United States, I found that the Russians' definition of happiness was much grander. They talked about being happy when there's world peace. With the Americans it was all about money, fun and family. Things that are more attainable.

—Sonja Lyubomirsky

Americans who want more time in their lives are happier than those who want more money, according to new research published in the journal *Social Psychological and Personality Science*. Across a range of surveys and experiments involving over 4,400 people, researchers at UCLA and the Wharton School found that nearly two-thirds of respondents said they'd prefer having more money over more time. But the people who opted for more time were happier with their lives.

— Christopher Ingraham

Do you want my one-word secret of happiness—it's growth--mental, financial, you name it.

—Harold S. Geneen

Happiness: a good bank account, a good cook, and a good digestion.

—Jean-Jacques Rousseau

I believe the recipe for happiness to be just enough money to pay the monthly bills you acquire, a little surplus to give you confidence, a little too much work each day, enthusiasm for your work, a substantial share of good health, a couple of real friends, and a wife and children to share life's beauty with you.

--J. Kenfield Morley

There can be no freedom or beauty about a home life that depends on borrowing and debt.

--Henrik Ibsen

A man can't get rich if he takes proper care of his family.

--Navajo Saying

The most important difference between these early American families and our own is that early families constituted economic units in which all members, from young children on up, played important productive roles within the household. The prosperity of the whole family depended on how well husband, wife, and children could manage and cultivate the land. Children were essential to this family enterprise from age six or so until their twenties, when they left home.

--Kenneth Keniston

If you keep your food in a refrigerator
your clothes in a closet
if you have a bed to sleep in
And a roof over your head
You are richer than 75% of the world population.

D. L. Hughley

The most wonderful thing ever made by man is a living for his family.

—Thomas A. Edison

Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration.

--Abraham Lincoln

I am opposing a social order in which it is possible for one man who does absolutely nothing that is useful to amass a fortune of hundreds of millions of dollars, while millions of men and women who work all the days of their lives secure barely enough for a wretched existence.

--Eugene V. Debs

Everything in the world is purchased by labor.

—David Hume

All wealth is the product of labor.

—John Locke

Some businessmen are saying this could be the greatest Christmas ever. I always thought that the first one was.

—Art Fetting

A dynamic economy begins with a good education.

—Bob Taft

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

--Earl Wilson

After you're older, two things are possibly more important than any others: health and money.

—Helen Gurley Brown

The question isn't at what age I want to retire, it's at what income.

--George Foreman

I advise you to go on living solely to enrage those who are paying your annuities. It is the only pleasure I have left.

—Voltaire

Right now, too many women who reach retirement age find themselves widowed or single, relying on their Social Security check for over half of their income.

—Judy Biggert

I call the older generation depression-scarred and the younger generation prosperity-scarred.

—Walter E. Hoadley

Today, if you pay a[n US] dollar for a pound of apples in the supermarket only about six cents covers the farmwork used to get it there.

--Tracie McMillan

Agriculture, manufactures, commerce and navigation, the four pillars of our prosperity, are the most thriving when left most free to individual enterprise.

—Thomas Jefferson

I have always said there is only one thing that can bring our nation down – our dependence on foreign countries for food and energy. Agriculture is the backbone of our economy.

—John Salazar

You can make a small fortune in farming – provided you start with a large one.

—Unknown

Agriculture is not crop production as popular belief holds—it's the production of food and fiber from the world's land and waters. Without agriculture it is not possible to have a city, stock market, banks, university, church or army. Agriculture is the foundation of civilization and any stable economy.

—Allan Savory

Most of the people in the world are poor, so if we knew the economics of being poor, we would know much of the economics that really matters. Most of the world's poor people earn their living from agriculture, so if we knew the economics of agriculture, we would know much of the economics of being poor.

—Theodore Schultz

If you're using first-class land for biofuels, then you're competing with the growing of food. And so you're actually spiking food prices by moving energy production into agriculture.

—Bill Gates

The free market has never worked in agriculture and it never will. The economics of a family farm are very different from a firm's... the demand for food isn't elastic; people don't eat more just because food is cheap. Even if I go out of business this land will keep producing corn.

--Michael Pollan

Bank robbing is more of a sure thing than farming.

--Allan Dare Pearce

Programs that pay farmers not to farm often devastate rural areas. The reductions hurt everyone from fertilizer companies to tractor salesmen.

--Dick Armey

I saw all the people hustling early in the morning to go into the factories and the stores and the office buildings, to do their job, to get their checks. But ultimately, it's not office buildings or jobs that give us our checks. It's the soil. The soil is what gives us the real income that supports us all.

—Ed Begley, Jr.

A woman will buy anything she thinks the store is losing money on.

—Kin Hubbard

If you don't drink, smoke, or drive a car, you're a tax evader.

—Thomas S. Foley

Riches are not forbidden, but the pride of them is.

—John Chrysostom

The two best anti-poverty programs are work and marriage.

—James Talent

You may be genetically predisposed to breast cancer or heart disease. You are not genetically predisposed to poverty.

—Valerie Wilson

The glory that goes with wealth is fleeting and fragile; virtue is a possession glorious and eternal.

—Sallust

Old age is a myth. We have been taught the false narrative that to be old is to be a taker, never a giver. That's despite the fact that we, the people over age 50, are working, playing, volunteering, donating, buying stuff and contributing to a better world to the tune of \$7.6 trillion in 2015, well over half of all U.S. consumer spending. Boomers alone control 70 percent of the country's disposable income.

In fact, we are frequently cast as a modern society's burden. We, the walking, talking proof of humankind's greatest success—longer lives!—will crash the health care system, drain Social Security and wreck the economy itself, critics warn. It's a set of pernicious stereotypes about aging that needs to be challenged now.

Sad, too, that the f-word ('fun') never gets used much when talking about aging. Building the future of fun in a society where 100 years old is the new normal is perhaps the longevity economy's largest growth opportunity.

—Joseph Coughlin

No one ever made a decision because of a number. They need a story.

—Daniel Kahneman

Most new jobs won't come from our biggest employers. They will come from our smallest. We've got to do everything we can to make entrepreneurial dreams a reality.

—Ross Perot

The earnings premium for college graduates has rocketed to 73 percent —that is, those with a bachelor's degree earn, on average, 73 percent more than those who have only a high school diploma, up from about 50 percent in the late 1970s.

—Bryan Caplan

You know you've made it in life when you forget it's payday.

—Internet Meme

There must be more to life than having everything.

—Maurice Sendak

Fun statistics for adults!

'When I was a kid, I had no help with college tuition. I was hardworking and paid it all myself.'

—Annual tuition for Yale, 1970: \$2,550

—Annual tuition for Yale, 2014: \$45,800

—Minimum Wage, 1970: \$1.45

—Minimum Wage, 2014: \$7.25

—Daily hours at minimum wage needed to pay for tuition in 1970: 4.8

—Daily hours at minimum wage needed to pay for tuition in 2014: 17.3

—Internet Meme

I have never understood why it is 'greed' to want to keep the money you've earned, but not greed to want to take somebody else's money.

—Thomas Sowell

He asked why the house isn't clean since I'm home all day. I asked why we aren't rich since he works all day.

-Internet Meme

The best way to teach your kids about taxes is by eating 30 percent of their ice cream.

—Bill Murray

Three lads fell to boasting about the earning capacities of their respective fathers. Said the doctor's son, 'My pa operated on a movie producer last month and sent him a bill for a cool five thousand.' The lawyer's son spoke up, 'Shucks, what's that? My old man was the mouthpiece for a big racketeer a week ago and got a fee of ten grand for one day's work—all paid in crisp new thousand-dollar bills.' The minister's son said quietly, 'On Sunday, my father preached a sermon in church, and it took eight men to bring in the money.'

—Bennett Cerf

When the last of the volcanic ash from Mount Vesuvius settled over Pompeii in A.D. 79, it preserved a detailed portrait of life in the grand Roman city, from bristling military outposts to ingenious aqueducts. Now researchers say the eruption nearly 2,000 years ago also captured clues to one of today's most pressing social problems. Analyzing dwellings in Pompeii and 62 other archaeological sites dating back 11,200 years, a team of experts has ranked the distribution of wealth in those communities. Bottom line: economic disparities increased over the centuries and technology played a role. The findings add to our knowledge of history's haves and have-nots, an urgent concern as the gulf between the 1 percent of ultra-rich and the rest of us continues to grow....How do past societies stack up? Hunter gatherers, as scholars long hypothesized, tended to be the most equitable. But around 10,200 B.C., societies began to farm the land. Economic disparity edged up: farming enabled families to collect wealth and pass it on. In Europe and Asia, domestication of draft animals beginning around 10,000 years ago let some landowners cultivate ever larger areas, further concentrating wealth. That didn't happen in the Americas until after Europeans exported that agricultural innovation in the 16th century.

—Matthew Shaer

At the age of 30, more than nine in 10 Americans born in 1940 were earning more than their parents had at the same age of their lives. But according to eye-popping research led by the economist Raj Chetty and his co-authors, many Millennials do not share in this age-old American experience of improving fortunes. Among those Americans born in the early 1980s, only half earned more than their parents did at a similar age.

—Yascha Mounk

For every dollar spend on lobbying by labor unions and public interest groups, large corporations and their associations now spend \$34. Of the 100 organizations that spend the most on lobbying, 95 consistently represent business.

—Yascha Mounk

Currencies are thousands of years old. For nearly as long as we've been trading goods, we wanted some totem we can use to represent value. Ancient Mesopotamians used ingots of silver as far back as 3,000 B.C. Later Europe, too, adopted metal coins because they satisfied three things that money can do: they're a 'store of value,' a 'medium of exchange' and a way of establishing a price for something. Without a currency, an economy can't easily function, because it's too hard to get everything you need via barter.

The first American Colonists faced a problem: they didn't have enough currency. At first, the Colonist bought far more from Britain than they sold to it, so pretty soon the Colonists had no liquidity at all. 'The mind-set was, wealth should flow from the Colonies to Britain,' says Jack Weatherford, author of *The History of Money*. So the Colonists fashioned their own. They used tobacco, rice or Native American wampum—lavish belts of beaded shells—as a temporary currency. They also used the Spanish dollar, a silver coin that was, at that time, the most widely used currency worldwide. (The terminology stuck: this is why the government later decided to call its currency the 'dollar' rather than the 'pound.')

—Clive Thompson

Productivity and the growth of productivity must be the first economic consideration at all times, not the last. That is the source of technological innovation, jobs, and wealth.

—William E. Simon

I think that the media and its influencers send out a negative message to young girls these days, when it comes to the relationship between power and money. The message that young girls receive these days, from watching reality t.v. shows and such, is that the more money you spend, the more powerful you are. But I'd like young girls everywhere to know that it's not about the money that you spend; but what it's really about is the money that you have! Financial power lies in actually having money and your intelligence is determined by how you spend it. And it's not even about buying only what you need, because we should have the things that we want, too, not only the things that we need! But it's more about knowing the value of material things because without the knowledge of the value, things aren't going to make you happy, because there's always something more that you can buy! So you've got to know how to buy what's really going to make you happy and not just buy things for the sake of spending.

— C. JoyBell C.

For too long, we financed our schools in a way that has systematically left large segments of our population behind.

—Ruben Hinojosa

U.S. economic prosperity is closely tied to the availability of a reliable and affordable supply of energy.

—Cliff Stearns

The lowly penny—did you know that if you started with a penny and doubled your money ever day for one month, you'd end up with more than \$5 million?

—Roger Matile

Why not invest your assets in the companies you really like? As Mae West said, 'Too much of a good thing can be wonderful'.

—Warren Buffett

Attacking the rich is not envy, it is self-defense. The hoarding of wealth is the cause of poverty. The rich aren't just indifferent to poverty; they create it and maintain it.

—Jodie Foster

He that is rich is wise.

—Daniel Defoe

Speculation is only a word covering the making of money out of the manipulation of prices, instead of supplying goods and services.

—Henry Ford

You can marry more money in five minutes than you can make in a lifetime.

—Sholom Aleichem

In 1661, Sweden became the first European country to print banknotes; several centuries later, it might become the first country to get rid of them. Card readers and mobile payment apps are now used even in situations that were once reserved for dog-eared bills and pocket change, like donating in church. Buses in Sweden don't accept cash. Neither do many street vendors.

—Rene Chun

Ten years after starting college, according to data from the Department of Education, the top decile of earners from all schools had a median salary of \$68,000. But the top decile from the 10 highest-earning colleges raked in \$220,000— make that \$250,000 for No. 1, Harvard—and the top decile at the next 30 colleges took home \$157,000. (Not surprisingly, the top 10 had an average acceptance rate of 9 percent, and the next 30 were at 19 percent.

—Matthew Stewart

If money help a man to do good to others, it is of some value; but if not, it is simply a mass of evil, and the sooner it is got rid of, the better.

—Swami Vivekananda

Nowhere are the mechanics of the growing geographic divide more evident than in the system of primary and secondary education. Public schools were born amid hopes of opportunity for all; the best of them have now been effectively reprivatized to better serve the upper classes. According to a widely used school-ranking service, out of more than 5,000 public elementary schools in California, the top 11 are located in Palo Alto. They're free and open to the public. All you have to do is move into a town where the median home value is \$3,211,100. Scarsdale, New York, looks like a steal in comparison: The public high schools in that area funnel dozens of graduates to Ivy League colleges every year, and yet the median home value is a mere \$1,403,600.

—Matthew Stewart

I have enough money to last me the rest of my life, unless I buy something.

—Jackie Mason

War is never economically beneficial except for those in position to profit from war expenditures.

—Ron Paul

Virtue has never been as respectable as money.

—Mark Twain

Gambling: The sure way of getting nothing for something.

—Wilson Mizner

If you are diagnosed with cancer, which expert should you see first?

1. A medical specialist
2. A money manager

Surprisingly, option two might give you the best hope for surviving the disease with your health—and your wealth—intact. Not only are cancer patients two and a half times as likely to declare bankruptcy as healthy people, but those patients who go bankrupt are 80 percent more likely to die from the disease than other cancer patients, according to studies from the *Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center* in Seattle. 'For many patients, when they get the bills, it can be as bad as some of the side effects of the disease or the treatment,' says the center's Gary Lyman, M.D.

—Peter Moore

Money may be the measure of wealth, but it is far from the only form of it. Family, friends, social networks, personal health, culture, education, and even locational all ways of being rich, too.

—Matthew Stewart

The miser, starving his brother's body, starves also his own soul, and at death shall creep out of his great estate of injustice, poor and naked and miserable.

—Theodore Parker

Every morning I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not there, I go to work.

—Robert Orben

Money is not real. It is a conscious agreement on measuring value.

—John Ralston Saul

Communism doesn't work because people like to own stuff.

—Frank Zappa

To have what we want is riches; but to be able to do without is power.

—George MacDonald

Here is what I can't savvy. Why is it that one of us, in fact all of us, will work and save, and stint all our lives. For what? Why, to leave something to our children. When we die we want everything we have left clear and unencumbered. We will break our necks to leave them without a single debt. In fact we won't die if we can help it till we get out of debt for their sake. Now that is what we will do as individuals, BUT, when it comes to COLLECTIVELY, why it looks like we will break our neck to see HOW MUCH we can leave them owing.

—Will Rogers

The transportation sector is the most critical sector of our economy.

—Robert Brady

Sunk-cost thinking tells us to stick with a bad investment because of the money we have already lost on it; to finish an unappetizing restaurant meal because, after all, we're paying for it; to prosecute an unwinnable war because of the investment of blood and treasure. In all cases, this way of thinking is rubbish.

—Ben Yagoda

In the United States, people egregiously under-save for retirement—even when they make enough money to not spend their whole paycheck on expenses, and even when they work for a company that will kick in additional funds to retirement plans when they contribute.

—Ben Yagoda

A rich life has nothing to do with money.

—Internet Meme

Only 1 in 3 individuals over 65 have online access to all of their bank accounts for monitoring purposes, greatly reducing their ability to check for illegal activity.

—Doug Shadel

Many people take no care of their money till they come nearly to the end of it, and others do just the same with their time.

—Johann Wolfgang von
Goethe

When I was young I thought that money was the most important thing in life; now that I am old I know that it is.

—Oscar Wilde

The materials of wealth are in the earth, in the seas, and in their natural and unaided productions.

—Daniel Webster

Society's contempt for the poor becomes the poor person's contempt for herself.

—Sarah Smarsh

If your only goal is to become rich, you will never achieve it.

—John D. Rockefeller

It's all very well to have principles, but when it comes to money you have to be flexible.

—Eugene Ormandy

Love is cheap. You can buy it anywhere. Lives are cheap. It's money that's dear. You have to work days and sit up nights thinking how to make money.

—John Dos Passos

The privileged man, whether he be privileged politically or economically, is a man deprived in intellect and heart.

—Mikhail Bakunin

Married women predominantly voted Republican....Even once-married women—widows and women who are separated—were more likely to vote Republican....proximity to white men incentivizes white women to shore up white male power wherever possible, and endorse policies and parties that protect the economic and political status of the men on whom they depend.

—Laura Kipnis

I've had a lot of friends with money who weren't happy. I had one friend with \$7 million in the bank who committed suicide. That made a big impact. Money goes only so far. To me what money buys is freedom and time. When my sons were growing up, I would take off most summers so I could be with them. I was an Eagle Scout, and I really wanted the boys to get into scouting. My business suffered a bit, but my partner had to put up with it. Now both my boys are Eagle Scouts. You can't put a price on that.

—Russell Jones

At this point, I'm happy I'm not starving or living outside. The best investment I ever made was in my children. Teaching them to play, to sing, to utilize their God-given talents to the fullest. I don't have enough money, yet I don't worry about it. I say to myself, You work hard and use money wisely and show decent common sense, you'll get by. More money doesn't equal happiness. We weren't rich growing up, though we ate regularly, slept on clean sheets and had the basic necessities. Being greedy for more than that usually leads to trouble and sin.

—Bishop Fred A.
Jones, Sr.

We are known is the wealthiest nation of all time. Well in the first place we are not. The difference between our rich and poor grows greater every year. Our distribution of wealth is getting more uneven all the time. We are always reading, 'How many men paid over a million dollar income tax.' But we never read about how many there is that are not eating regular. A man can make a million over night and he is on every front page in the morning. But it never tells who give up the million that he got. You can't get money without taking it from somebody. They don't just issue out new money. What you got tonight that you didn't have last night must have come from somebody.

—Will Rogers

You can't beat that England. She don't look good till they get in a hole, then watch her. They wasn't afraid to put an additional tax on big incomes. They forget politics when they're in a tight place. Republicans can't tax big incomes over here for they haven't got next year's campaign budget yet. Democrats still owe for their last three elections.

—Will Rogers

You can't make a dollar without taking it from somebody. So every time we wish for something of our own personal gain, we are wishing somebody else bad luck.

—Will Rogers

The more expensive a school is, the more crooks it has—I'm not kidding.

—J. D. Salinger

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.

—Internet Meme

Poverty exists not because we cannot feed the poor, but because we can't satisfy the rich.

—AFL-CIO

The higher educated they are the bigger hoodlums they are and the harder to manage. The illiterate ones will all work. And you will have no trouble with them. But watch the ones that are smart for they have been taught in school they are to live off the others.

—Will Rogers

All they got to do to stop the war instantly is to agree to not trade with an aggressor nation, meaning Japan, but they won't sacrifice their trade just to save bloodshed. The League has got the weapon to stop war, but try and get the nations to give up that trade. What's a few thousand dead Chinaman compared to Japan as a cash customer.

—Will Rogers (1933)

It's only one generation from a pick handle to a putter, and one more from a tuxedo to a tramp.

—Will Rogers

Life is a banquet and most poor sons of bitches are starving to death!

—Betty Comden and
Adolph Green

This Election changed a lot of folks' idea of things. They have kinder become reconciled to the fact that the folks are not so excited about this great debt that is piling up as they thought they were. This thing of worrying about what our grand children are going to have to pay, well most folks say, 'Well our children seem to think they are smarter than we are, so if they are the chances are that their children will be smarter than they are, so if they are that smart why maybe they can think of some substitute for money that they can pay off their national debt with, and they will wonder why we didn't have a bigger one. Maybe we won't print the money, but they will, so what difference does it make to us?'

—Will Rogers

Adults really drilled 'stop, drop & roll' into our heads but didn't teach us how to balance a check book. I have never ONCE been on fire and I've been in debt for years. Riddle me that.

—Sativa Plath

I don't think I'm as afraid of anything as every billionaire is apparently afraid of becoming a hundred-millionaire.

—Josh Gondelman

Who was the first woman depicted on currency? The honor belongs to Arsinoe II, a Ptolemaic queen of Egypt, who appeared on a coin in the third century B.C., says Ellen Feingold, curator of the National Numismatic Collection. Others have included Queen Elizabeth I of England in the 16th century, Indira Gandhi in the 1980s, Maria Montessori in the 1990s and Eva Perón and Marie Curie in this decade. Women have been far less commonly depicted on U.S. currency. The full roster: Pocahontas and Martha Washington appear on bills in the 19th century; Susan B. Anthony and Sacagawea appeared on dollar coins beginning in 1979 and 2000, respectively, and Helen Keller appeared on a quarter issued in 2003.

—Anna Diamond

According to the International Monetary Fund, more than half of Greek households pay zero income tax. Indeed, tax evasion is practically a national sport. Take the swimming-pool trick. After the 2008 recession, the government placed a luxury tax on private pools. When only 324 residents in the ritzy suburbs of Athens admitted to having one, tax collectors knew they were being swindled—but didn't know how badly until Google Earth photos revealed the real pool count: 16,974. It's now common to conceal chlorinated assets with floating tiles, army nets, and pool interiors painted to mimic grass.

—Rene Chun

Of all forms of tyranny the least attractive and most vulgar is the tyranny of mere wealth.

—Theodore Roosevelt

You don't know yet what money is. Money is power, when you have lived as long as I have. I know, I know. If youth but knew. But what does Shakespeare say? Put money in thy purse.

—James Joyce

American diversity rarely applies to money and success.

—Suzanne Munshower

The earliest coins were used around the sixth or seventh century B.C., and they appeared in China and in Lydia, an Iron Age kingdom in western Anatolia. The Chinese cast copper-alloy coins in the shape of farming tools. The Lydian coins were made of electrum, a mixture of silver and gold, and were struck with an image of a roaring lion. Paper money wasn't introduced until the 11th century A.D., in China.

—Ellen Feingold

No one cares about the poor, or about their lives.

—Francisco Toledo

The track record of expert forecasters—in science, in economics, in politics—is as dismal as ever. In business, esteemed (and lavishly compensated) forecasters routinely are wildly wrong in their predictions of everything from the next stock market correction to the new housing boom....Unfortunately, the world's most prominent specialists are rarely held accountable for their predictions, so we continue to rely on them even when their track records make clear that we should not. One study compiled a decade of annual dollar-to-euro exchange-rate predictions made by 22 international banks: Barclays, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase, and others. Each year, every bank predicted the end-of-year exchange rate. The banks missed every single change of direction in the exchange rate. In six of the 10 years, the true exchange rate fell outside the entire range of all 22 bank forecasts.

—David Epstein

We should do everything we can to improve our public schools. But our education system can't compensate for the ways our economic system is failing Americans. Even the most thoughtful and well-intentioned school-reform program can't improve educational outcomes if it ignores the single greatest driver of student achievement: household income.

—Nick Hanauer

For all the genuine flaws of the American education system, the nation still has many high-achieving public-school districts. Nearly all of them are united by a thriving community of economically secure middle-class families with sufficient political power to demand great schools, the time and resources to participate in those schools, and the tax money to amply fund them. In short, great public schools are the product of a thriving middle class, not the other way around. Pay people enough to afford dignified middle-class lives, and high-quality public schools will follow. But allow economic inequality to grow, and educational inequality will inevitably grow with it.

—Nick Hanauer

From 1979 to 2017, as the average real annual wages of the top 1 percent of Americans rose 156 percent (and the top .01 percent's wages rose by a stunning 343 percent), the purchasing power of the average American's paycheck did not increase.

—Nick Hanauer (2019)

However justifiable their focus on curricula and innovation and institutional reform, people who see education as a cure-all have largely ignored the metric most predictive of a child's educational success: house-hold income.

The scientific literature on this subject is robust, and the consensus overwhelming. The lower your parents' income, the lower your likely level of educational attainment. Period.

—Nick Hanauer

Poverty creates obstacles that would trip-up even the most naturally gifted student...children who frequently change schools due to poor housing; have little help with homework; have few role models of success; have more exposure to lead and asbestos; have untreated vision, ear, dental, or other health problems;...and live in a chaotic and frequently unsafe environment.

—Lawrence Mishel

Multiple studies have found that only about 20 percent of student outcomes can be attributed to schooling, whereas about 60 percent are explained by family circumstances—most significantly, income. Now consider that, nationwide, just over half of today's public-school students qualify for free or reduced-price school lunches, up from 39 percent in 2000. Surely if American students are lagging in the literacy, numeracy, and problem-solving skills our modern economy demands, household income deserves most of the blame—not teachers or their unions.

—Nick Hanauer (2019)

The abuse of stock buybacks is so widespread that naming abusers is a bit like singling out snowflakes for ruining the driveway.

—Jerry Useem

When an economist gets lost, a sociologist can touch his elbow and say, You know, I've been noticing some things.

—*Opportunity Insights Staff*

It's 2019...get rid of Algebra 2 in high school and replace it with financial fundamentals. Teach kids about careers (not just college), salaries, credit, budgeting, taking out a loan, investing, college debt, buying a house, filing taxes.

—Larry Geaghan

If you're important economically, you're important.

—Gail Collins

Two men have been supreme in creating the modern world: Rockefeller and Bismarck. One in economics, the other in politics, refuted the liberal dream of universal happiness through individual competition, substituting monopoly the corporate state, or at least movements toward them.

—Bertrand Russell

It was a good thing to let the money be my slave and not make myself a slave to money.

—John D. Rockefeller

Mark Twain singled out the California gold rush as the watershed event that sanctified a new money worship and debased the country's founding ideals.

—Ron Chernow

Democrats and Republicans now have a different experience of life in this country. Broadly speaking, the modern economy works well for cities and badly for the countryside. In recent years, growth has been hyper-concentrated in our cities, which are hubs of technology and finance. Meanwhile, the hinterlands, which rely on agriculture and manufacturing—what you might call the 'old economy'—have sunk onto a deep decline. There are places in the United States where the recession never ended. For them, it has been 2009 for 10 years. That does something to people, psychologically.

—Tara Westover (2019)

Prejudice is not new in this country. What is new is that, at the moment when we thought we had at last vanished it to the fringe, here it is again, displayed openly in our public spaces. My own view is that economic distress activates prejudice. It makes it lethal....but in a climate of desperation and economic realignment, of uncertainty about the future, people become tribal. They become vulnerable to narratives that demonize those who are not like them. Most rural Americans don't understand the vast technological and geopolitical shifts that are destroying their way of life....It's pretty easy for someone to come along and tell them that the problem is immigration.

—Tara Westover (2019)

One recent examination of nearly five dozen countries over a span of three decades corroborated that women's electoral success in politics goes down in times of economic crisis.

—Galen Bodenhausen

Money can't buy happiness, but poverty can't buy anything.

—Internet Meme

Affluent conservatives often pat themselves on the back for having stable nuclear families. They preach that everybody else should build stable families too. But then they ignore one of the main reasons their own families are stable: they can afford to purchase the support that extended family used to provide—and that the people they preach at, further down the income scale, cannot.

—David Brooks

If you are born into poverty and raised by your married parents, you have an 80 percent chance of climbing out of it. If you are born into poverty and raised by an unmarried mother, you have a 50 percent chance of remaining stuck.

—Richard V. Reeves

According to census data from 2010, 25 percent of black women over 35 have never been married, compared with 8 percent of white women. Two-thirds of African American children lived in single-parent families in 2018, compared with a quarter of white children. Black single-parent families are most concentrated in precisely those parts of the country in which slavery was most prevalent. Research by John Iceland, a professor of sociology and demography at Penn State, suggest that the differences between white and black family structure explain 30 percent of the affluence gap between the two groups.

—David Brooks

If those who ‘gain all they can’ and ‘save all they can,’ will likewise ‘give all they can,’ then the more they will grow in grace.

—John Wesley

Since the 1970s, and especially since the 2008 recession, economic pressures have pushed Americans toward greater reliance on family. Starting around 2012, the share of children living with married parents began to inch up. And college students have more contact with their parents than they did a generation ago. We tend to deride this as helicopter parenting or a failure to launch, and it has its excesses. But the education process is longer and more expensive these days, so it makes sense that young adults rely on their parents for longer than they used to.

—David Brooks

Nations where a fifth of the people live alone, like Denmark and Finland, are a lot richer than nations where almost no one lives alone, like the ones in Latin America or Africa. Rich nations have smaller households than poor nations. The average German lives in a household with 2.7 people. The average Gambian lives in a household with 13.8 people.

—David Brooks

The Supreme Court is more than a legal tribunal, ruling on disputes between parties—it is also an architect. The Court’s interpretations of the Constitution and other laws become blueprints for the nation, helping to determine what form it will take and how it will continue to rise. For the past half-century, the Court has been drawing up plans for a more economically unequal nation, and that is the American that is now being built....[in the 50 years since Warren Burger replaced Earl Warren] the Court has, with striking regularity, sided with the rich and powerful against the poor and weak, in virtually every area of the law.

—Adam Cohen (2020)

It is a religious duty to get all the money you can, fairly and honestly: to keep all you can, and to give away all you can.

—John D. Rockefeller

If we were not impressed by job titles, suits, and jargon, we would demand that financial advisors show us their personal bank statements before they tell us what we could or should do with our own money.

—Mokokoma
Mokhonoana

If you want to understand any problem in America, you need to focus on who profits from that problem, not who suffers from the problem.

—Dr. Amos Wilson

You're not rich until you have things money can't buy.

—Garth Brooks

We shouldn't be ashamed of capitalism. It's another word for freedom.

—Nikki Haley

Wherever riches have increased, the essence of religion has decreased in the same proportion.

—John Wesley

DECEITS PARTNERS ADMIT THEY COMMIT

24%—Hiding purchases or receipts

23%—Lying about a price paid

22%—Spending money on children behind a spouse's back

19%—Saying a purchase was on sale after paying full price

11%—Secretly withdrawing money from savings

11%—Secretly getting a new credit card

7%—Covering up a debt

4%—Hiding a raise or bonus

—*Journal of Financial
Therapy* (2018)

Great wealth is a great burden, a great responsibility. It invariably proves to be one of two things—either a great blessing or a great curse.

—John D. Rockefeller

Three things that will enslave you are an addiction, being in debt and having children before you're ready to settle down and support them.

—James Taylor

Some of the most generous people have no money. Some of the wisest people have no education. Some of the kindest people were hurt the most.

—Steve Wentworth

America's economy asks its residents to cycle new things in and out of their home constantly, and for decades, the process has looked like a perpetual-motion machine to all but the poorest among us.

—Amanda Mull

The man who dies...rich dies disgraced.

—Andrew Carnegie

Instead of giving alms to beggars, if anything can be done to remove the causes which lead to the existence of beggars, then something deeper and broader and more worthwhile will have been accomplished.

—John D. Rockefeller

The respondents in our study significantly overestimated the wealth of Black families relative to that of white families. In 1963, the median black family had about 5 percent as much wealth as the median white family. Respondents said close to 50 percent. For 2016, the respondents estimated Black wealth to be 90 percent that of whites. The correct answer for that year was about 10 percent.

—Jennifer A. Richeson

Money silently rips people apart. It's never spoken of in public, but it's strongly understood.

—Jenna Woginrich

I can't endure to see...money idle. I feel about it as one does to come into a room, ill swept, with the corners full of cobwebs and dust. I want to clean up that room.

—John D. Rockefeller

The racial wealth gap remains as wide today as it was in 1968, when the Fair Housing Act was passed. The median net worth of the American family is about \$100,000. But the median net worth of white families is more than \$170,000—while that of Black families is less than \$20,000. According to William Darity Jr., an economist and Duke public-policy professor, fully a quarter of white families have a net worth of more than \$1 million, while only 4 percent of Black families meet that threshold. These disparities in wealth persist among middle- and low-income families. In 2016, according to Pew, 'lower-income white households had a net worth of \$22,900, compared with only \$5,000 for Black households and \$7,900 for Hispanic households in this income tier.' These disparities are not the product of hard work or cultural differences, as one conservative line of thinking would have it. They are the product of public policy, what Darity calls the 'cumulative damages' of racial discrimination across generations.

—Adam Serwer (2020)

A man's wealth must be determined by the relation of his desires and expenditures to his income. If he feels rich on ten dollars, and has everything else he desires, he really is rich.

—John D. Rockefeller

Men tend to choose higher paying careers like doctor, engineer, lawyer, or CEO. While women tend to choose lower paying careers like female doctor, female engineer, female lawyer, or female CEO.

—Internet Meme

[Money] makes life too easy; people become self-indulgent and selfish and cruel....I am sure that too much money makes people stupid, dull, unseeing and uninteresting.

—Abby Rockefeller

Wealth creation is the real American revolution. What we need is an infusion of capital into the depressed areas of our country.

—Jerry Rubin

For many Americans who don't celebrate Christmas, sitting out the foofaraw while the whole country conducts Christmas consumption is an annual dose of alienation. For people who normally participate but suddenly find themselves unable to do so, the sense of detachment might even be more piercing for its novelty. Buying not just gifts, but decorations, sweets, and the trappings of a Christmas feast are deeply entrenched customs, and many Americans will want to hang on to those rituals.

—Amanda Mull

Elite Overproduction—the tendency of a society's ruling classes to grow faster than the number of positions for their members to fill. One way for a ruling class to grow is biologically—think of Saudi Arabia, where princes and princesses are born faster than royal roles can be created for them. In the United States, elites overproduce themselves through economic and educational upward mobility: More and more people get rich, and more and more get educated. Neither of these sounds bad on its own. Don't we want everyone to be rich and educated? The problems begin when money and Harvard degrees become like royal titles in Saudi Arabia. If lots of people have them, but only some have real power, the ones who don't have power eventually turn on the ones who do.

—Graeme Wood
paraphrasing
Peter Turchin

During the Depression, Black Americans made up more than half of the country's tenant farmers, sharecroppers, and farmworkers in the South. In 1932, when a quarter of white Americans were unemployed, half of Black Americans were. 'In some Northern cities, whites called for African Americans to be fired from any jobs as long as there were whites out of work,' according to the Library of Congress's website for teachers. And Black sharecroppers were often forced out of work by white ones. 'No group was harder hit than African Americans.'

—Sarah Boxer

Money makes people listen. When you have it, then you have something others want and need. When you don't, you become invisible.

—Earl G. Graves Sr.

If you want understand any problem in America, you need to focus on who profits from that problem, not who suffers from the problem.

—Dr. Amos Wilson

Mostly it is loss which teaches us about the worth of things.

—Arthur Schopenhauer

The look in my wife's eyes when she left for Target makes me think she is going to try and save the economy in one trip.

—Simon Holland

One day a father and his rich family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose to show him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night in the farm of a very poor family. When they got back from their trip the father asked his son, 'How was the trip?'

'Very good Dad.'

'Did you see how poor people can be?' the father asked.

'Yeah.'

'And what did you learn?'

The son answered. 'I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden; they have creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden; they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard; they have a whole horizon.'

When the little boy was finishing, his father was speechless.

His son added, 'Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are.'

—Tony Jeary and John
Davis

The first thing I learned about having money was that it gives you choices. People don't want to be rich. They want to be able to choose. The richer you are, the more choices you have. That is the freedom of money.

—Trevor Noah

Cities account for 90% of the U.S. economic output and are home to 86% of the population.

—*Bureau of Economic Analysis*

There is nobody in this country who got rich on their own. Nobody. You built a factory out there—good for you. But I want to be clear. You moved your goods to market on roads the rest of us paid for. You hired workers the rest of us paid to educate. You were safe in your factory because of police forces and fire forces that the rest of us paid for. You didn't have to worry that marauding bands would come and seize everything at your factory... Now look. You built a factory and it turned into something terrific or a great idea—God bless! Keep a hunk of it. But part of the underlying social contract is you take a hunk of that and pay forward for the next kid who comes along.

—Elizabeth Warren

I began to experience the most powerful advantage of money: the ability to think of things besides money.

—Tara Westover

If wealth was the inevitable result of hard work and enterprise, every woman in Africa would be a millionaire.

—George Monbiot

So the greatest source of happiness is other people—and what does money do? It isolates us from other people. It enables us to build walls, literal and figurative, around ourselves. We move from a teeming college dorm to an apartment to a house, and if we're really wealthy, to an estate. We think we're moving up, but really we're walling off ourselves.

—Eric Weiner

'Institutionalised social order' that governs not only the accumulation of capital itself, but also the noneconomic background conditions which make capital accumulation possible. Capitalism requires a particular social arrangement which takes advantage of divisions that predate capitalism, including those based on race, gender, geography, and other accidents of birth.

—Wendy Liu

Risk comes from not knowing what you're doing

—Warren Buffett

Parents at elite private schools sometimes grumble about taking nothing from public schools yet having to support them via their tax dollars. But the reverse proposition is a more compelling argument. Why should public-school parents—why should anyone—be expected to support private schools? Exeter has 1,100 students and a \$1.3 billion endowment. Andover, which has 1,150 students, is on track to take in \$400 million in its current capital campaign. And all of this cash, glorious cash, comes pouring into the countinghouse 100 percent tax-free.

—Caitlin Flanagan

It's no accident that the countries that have enjoyed an economic take off have been those that educated girls and then gave them the autonomy to move to the cities to find work

—Sheryl WuDunn

College admissions is one of the few situations in which rich people are forced to scramble for a scarce resource.

—Caitlin Flanagan

The god of private school is money. At an independent school, there are no tax dollars, no municipal bonds, no petitions demanding additional funding for the district. Everything seen and unseen was paid for with funds the school raised itself: every blade of grass, smartboard, academic building, office hour, soccer ball, school psychologist, new paint job, and historic chapel with stained-glass windows spilling colored light onto honeyed pews.

—Caitlin Flanagan

For after all, what is there behind, except money? Money for the right kind of education, money for influential friends, money for leisure and peace of mind, money for trips to Italy. Money writes books, money sells them. Give me not righteousness, O lord, give me money, only money.

—George Orwell

The stock market is like Vegas without the glass of tequila sitting next to you. It's none of the fun and all of the risks.

—George Clooney

The best anti-poverty program is a world-class education.

—Barack Obama

The countries of northern Europe have been richer than those of the south for several centuries. The north industrialised earlier than the south and so has been more economically successful.

—Tim Marshall

The U.S. is the only nation to fund elementary and secondary education based on local wealth. Other developed countries either equalize funding or provide extra funding for individuals or groups felt to need it. In the Netherlands, for example, national funding is provided to all schools based on the number of pupils enrolled, but for every guilder allocated to a middle-class Dutch child, 1.25 guilders are allocated for a lower-class child and 1.9 guilders for a minority child, exactly the opposite of the situation in the U.S. where lower-class and minority children typically receive less than middle-class white children. Regional differences in per-pupil costs may exist in other countries, but the situation in which underfunded urban or rural districts exist in close proximity to wealthy suburban districts is probably uniquely American.

Of course, even equality in per-pupil costs in no way ensures equality in educational services. Not only do poor districts typically have fewer funds, they also have greater needs.

—Robert E. Slavin

Why Europe grew so powerful. Was it something about the geography of Europe? Was it that Europeans are somehow racially superior? Was it their religion? The answer (or at least the proximate cause) may be that the Europeans rode on the crest of a powerful new idea: allowing those who made a lot of money to keep it.

—Paul Graham

A quick quiz. What do the following events have in common? The war in Iraq. The Exxon Valdez oil spill. The rise in America's prison population. The answer: They all contribute to our nation's gross national product, or what's now referred to as gross domestic product, or GDP, and therefore all are considered 'good,' at least in the dismal eyes of economists.

—Eric Weiner

Check the list of the world's most feeble economies and note the high proportion that are landlocked. Note how tropical countries (those located between 23.45 degrees north and south latitudes) are generally poor, even as most high-income countries are in the middle and high latitudes.

—Robert D. Kaplan

GDP is simply the sum of all goods and services a nation produces over a given time. The sale of an assault rifle and the sale of an antibiotic both contribute equally to the national tally (assuming the sales price is the same). It's as if we tracked our caloric intake but cared not one whit what kind of calories we consumed. Whole grains or lard—or rat poison, for that matter. Calories are calories.

—Eric Weiner

Formal education will earn you a living, self-education will make you a fortune.

—Jim Rohn

Geography, climate, population determine communications, economy, political organization.

—Robert D. Kaplan

Gun violence in America — for those of you who think of this from an economic standpoint listening to me — estimated to cost the nation \$280 billion — let me say it again — \$280 billion a year. They said, “How could that be, Joe?” Hospital bills, physical therapy, trauma counseling, legal fees, prison costs, and the loss of productivity. Not to mention the psychological damage done to the children who live in these cities, watching this happen, knowing someone it happened to.

—Joe Biden (2021)

Our Republic is not a pastoral, not a military, not an agricultural, not a nomadic, not a clerical, but a business civilization. Nor is there anything random, casual or accidental about the United States as a business society. It is thoroughly well integrated—organized from top to bottom for the maximum efficiency of commerce and industry, for the maximum efficiency of making money.

—Margaret Halsey

There are...other business societies—England, Holland, Belgium and France, for instance. But ours [the United States] is the only culture now extant in which business so completely dominates the national scene that sports, crime, sex, death, philanthropy and Easter Sunday are money-making propositions.

—Margaret Halsey

I am going to fight capitalism even if it kills me. It is wrong that people...should be comfortable and well fed while all around you people are starving.

—Sylvia Pankhurst

The way to turn a jobs dystopia into a technological utopia...was a 500-year-old idea called universal basic income, or UBI. Also know as: The government just gives everyone money.

—Annie Lowrey

I told my son we couldn't afford something and he asked why I didn't have more money, and I wanted to be like, 'You, dude. You are entirely the reason I don't have more money.'

—Internet Meme

I am concerned that too many people are focused too much on money and not on their greatest wealth, which is their education. If people are prepared to be flexible, keep an open mind and learn, they will grow richer and richer through the changes. If they think money will solve the problems, I am afraid those people will have a rough ride. Intelligence solves problems and produces money. Money without financial intelligence is money soon gone.

—Robert T. Kiyosaki

First and most importantly, money can allow schools to extend the length of the school day and the school year, with after-school and summer school programs. Wealthier schools can spend a great deal of money on professional development and help teachers enhance their teaching skills. Schools that don't have money can't do that, or they have to rely on free services. Higher pay scales allow wealthier districts to attract good teachers and retain their star performers. Districts without money are always worried about losing their teachers to wealthier districts, and rightfully so.

—Glenn 'Max' McGee

You aren't paid according to how hard you work; you are paid according to how hard your employer thinks you are to replace.

—Internet Meme

Nearly 40 percent of all elderly people today would, fall into poverty without [Social Security].

—H. Luke Shaefer and
Kathryn J. Edin
(2021)

The computer and the internet give us a chance to move more people out of poverty more quickly than at any time in all of human history.

—Bill Clinton

The great trouble with talking about sign is that people don't like to be denied. they dislike to be repressed....Is it not unfortunate that we have the word 'saving' at all, with its 'kill-joy' implication? Would it not be better if we spoke of 'delayed spending' rather than saving?

—*Putnam's Investment Handbook* (1919)

If you don't have money, you cling to your freedoms all the more angrily. Even if smoking kills you, even if you can't afford to feed your kids, even if your kids are getting shot down by maniacs with assault rifles. You may be poor, but the one thing nobody can take away from you is the freedom to fuck up your life.

—Jonathan Franzen

The new knowledge economy created a new class of Americans: men and women with college degrees, skilled with symbols and number—salaried professionals in information technology; computer engineering, scientific research, design, management consulting, the upper civil service, financial analysis, law, journalism, the arts, higher education. They go to college with one another, intermarry, gravitate to desirable neighborhoods in large metropolitan areas, and do all they can to pass on their advantages to their children. They are not 1 percenters—those are mainly executives and investors—but they dominate the top 10 percent of American incomes, with outsize economic and cultural influence.

—George Packer

Educated professionals pass on their money, connections, ambitions, and work ethic to their children, while less educated families fall further behind, with less and less chance of seeing their children move up. By kindergarten, the children of professionals are already a full two years ahead of their lower-class counterparts, and the achievement gap is almost unbridgeable. After seven decades of meritocracy, a lower-class child is nearly as unlikely to be admitted to one of the top three Ivy league universities as they would have been in 1954.

—George Packer

Some people are so poor,
All they have is money.

—Bob Marley

The bitterness of poor quality is remembered long after the sweetness of low price has faded from memory.

—Aldo Gucci

Marriage is hard. Divorce is hard. Choose your hard.
Obesity is hard. Being fit is hard. Choose your hard.
Being in debt is hard. Being financially disciplined is hard. Choose your hard.
Communication is hard. Not communicating is hard. Choose your hard.
Life will never be easy. It will always be hard. But we can choose our hard.
Pick wisely.

—Internet Meme

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