



# The Richest Man in Babylon

## Quotes

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From my belt hung a handsome purse, heavy with coins... there were pieces of gold which made me feel assured of the future and unafraid to spend the silver.

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A mans wealth is not in the purse he carries. A fat purse quickly empties if there be no golden stream to refill it.

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It costs nothing to ask wise advice from a good friend and Arkad was always that.

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As for time, all men have it in abundance.

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As for study, did not our wise teacher teach us that learning was of two kinds: the one kind being the things we learned and knew, and the other being the training that taught us how to find out what we did not know?

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the sun that shines today is the sun that shone when thy father was born, and will still be shining when thy last grandchild shall pass into the darkness.

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What have you to show for your earnings of the past month? What for the past year? Fool! You pay everyone but yourself.

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When I set a task for myself, I complete it. Therefore, I am careful not to start difficult and impractical tasks, because I love leisure.

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Start thy purse to fattening

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if each of you desireth to build for himself a fortune, is it not wise to start by utilizing that source of wealth which he already has established?

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Which desirest thou the most? Is it the gratification of thy desire of each day... things quickly gone and forgotten? Or is it substantial belongings... The coins thou takest from thy purse bring the first. The coins thy leavest within it will bring the latter.

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That what each of us calls our 'necessary expenses' will always grow to equal our incomes unless we protest the contrary.

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The purpose of a budget is to help thy purse to fatten. It is to assist thee to have thy necessities and insofar as attainable, thy other desires.

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Like a bright light in a dark cave thy budget shows up the leaks from thy purse and enables thee to stop them and control the expenditures for definite and gratifying purposes.

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the third cure for a lean purse: to put each coin to laboring that it may reproduce its kind even as the flocks of the field and help bring thee income, a stream of wealth that shall flow constantly into thy purse.

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Before thou loan it to any man assure thyself of his ability to repay and his reputation for doing so, that thou mayest not unwittingly be making him a present of thy hard-earned treasure.

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Consult with wise men. Secure the advice of those experienced in the profitable handling of gold. Let their wisdom protect thy treasure from unsafe investments.

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money lenders gladly consider the desires of men who seek homes and land for their families.

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Provide in advance for the needs of thy growing age and protection of thy family.

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This is the process by which wealth is accumulated: first in small sums, then in larger ones as a man learns and becomes more capable.

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Things to make a man's life rich with gainful experiences.

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To ignore the gambling table would be to overlook an instinct common to most men, the love of taking a chance with a small amount of silver in the hope of winning much gold.

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Opportunity waits for no man. Today it is here; soon it is gone. Therefore delay not!

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In this tale we see how good luck waits to come to that man who accepts opportunity.

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The wisdom of making a payment immediately when we are convinced our bargain is wise... If the bargain be good, the dost thou need protection against thy own weakness as much as against any other man.

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No man willingly permits the their to rob his bins of grain. Nor does any man willingly permit an enemy to drive away his customers and rob him of his profits. When once I did recognize that such acts as these my enemy was committing, with determination I conquered him. So must every man master his own spirit of procrastination before he can expect to share the rich treasures of Babylon.

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Good luck can be enticed by accepting opportunity.

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5 Laws of Gold

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Gold bringeth unto its possessor responsibility and a changed position with his fellow men. It bringeth a feeling of power and ability to do good. Likewise it bringeth opportunities thereby his very good intentiones may bring him into difficulties.

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If you desire to help thy friend, do so in a way that will not bring thy friend's burdens upon thyself.

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Better a little caution than a great regret.

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In this day, behind the impregnable walls of insurance, savings accounts and dependable investments, we can guard ourselves against the unexpected tragedies that may enter any door and seat themselves before any fireside.

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he who spends more than he earns is sowing the winds of needless self-indulgence from which he is sure to reap the whirlwinds of trouble and humiliation.

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No man is otherwise who cannot respect himself and no man can respect himself who does not repay honest debts.

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My debts were my enemies, but the men I owed were my friends for they had trusted me and believed in me.

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Where the determination is, the way can be found.

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That man who keepeth in his purse both gold and silver that he need not spend is good to his family and loyal to his king.

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Therefore each time the moon is full, two-tenths of all I have earned shall be divided honorably and fairly among those who have trusted me and to whom I am indebted. Thus in due time will all my indebtedness be surely paid.

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Therefore, at the end of one moon, my indebtedness is reduced by almost four pieces of silver and I possess almost two pieces of silver besides, upon which no man hath claim. My heart is lighter than it hath been for a long time.

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In my purse I now have twenty one pieces of silver that are mine. It maketh my head to stand straight upon my shoulders and maketh me proud to walk among my friends.

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If you pay for all you buy and then pay some on what you owe, that is better than you have done, for ye ain't paid down the account none in three years.

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I don't shirk. I like to work and I like to do good work, for work is the best friend I've ever known. It has brought me all the good things I've had, my farm and cows and crops, everything.

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Promise me, boy, if thou get a master, work for him as hard as thou canst. If he does not appreciate all thou do, never mind.

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better still I like the fine enterprise with which thou offerest them. Such spirit can carry thee far on the road to success.

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Cling no longer to thy master. Get once again the feeling of being a free man. Act like a free man and succeed like one! Decide what thou desireth to accomplish and then work will aid thee to achieve it!