

CHAPTER 6

Proverbs 6:1 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,

As a loving father teaching his son, Solomon warns against being a surety for friends, which he condemns often in Proverbs (*Proverbs 6:1-5; 11:15; 17:18; 20:16; 22:26-27; 27:13*).

What is suretiship? You are a surety when you guarantee the financial payments or personal performance of someone else.

In this case, you promise a third party, a stranger, that your friend will make his payments or do what is expected; and you promise to pay the debt yourself, or be held personally liable, if your friend cannot or does not do what is required of him.

Such financial deals, before modern-day mass personal bankruptcies and computerized credit analysis, when a man's word was good enough, were formalized by shaking hands (*Proverbs 17:18; 22:26*).

To strike, or join, hands was an ancient form of entering into contracts in all countries and in all ages (*Job 17:3; Psalm 144:8, 11*).

"Striking Hands:" the Oxford English Dictionary helps us here: Strike, to strike hands (said of two parties to a bargain): To take one another by the hand in confirmation of a bargain; hence, to ratify a bargain with another.

What is wrong with it? Today we call this cosigning a loan. The wisdom of God is against rashly guaranteeing debts of others without careful review of their character (*Proverbs 11:15; 20:16*), the extent of the obligation (*Proverbs 22:3; 14:15*), and your ability to pay it off (*Proverbs 22:27*).

Excessive Contingent Liabilities Are Condemned By The Wisdom Of God.

Sober Suretiship, may not only be allowable, but prudent, charitable, and necessary, in some circumstances (*Philemon 1:18-19; Genesis 43:8-10; Isaiah 1:17*).

If a godly friend, or poor person, is in need for an amount you can afford, then there is no sin in the act of charity and friendship to help them. The folly of suretiship, is hasty promises and excessive commitments.

What wisdom should be learned from this frequent warning? Haste and pride cause foolish promises. Haste utters words and shakes hands before knowing the

extent of an obligation. Pride wants to be seen as a man of means, which is usually done publicly guaranteeing debts and or performance, even though it may only involve a few assets.

Jesus is our Surety. He gave His Word and bound His soul to death, for the infinite debt of His people. This guarantee, no man on earth, angel in heaven, or devil in hell can cancel.

Proverbs 6:2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

Your words can get you in trouble. You must think seriously before opening your mouth or signing your name. The context is foolishly cosigning for a friend with a stranger (*Proverbs 6:1-5*).

There are two lessons: Financial prudence and guarding your speech and signature.

Both Issues Can Be Very Costly Both Issues Give The Proverb Great Value.

Solomon warned his son several times about suretiship. Which is guaranteeing the performance of a friend to a creditor (*Proverbs 6:1-5; 11:15; 17:18; 20:16; 22:26-27; 27:13*).

Our closest activity, is cosigning a loan at a bank for a friend. Since Solomon was a king, there would be many seeking this favor from the royal prince.

Cosigning, or suretiship, is an easy way to show kindness and wealth. Just a word, a handshake, or signature will do it! Your friend is indebted to you, and the pride of life revels in your financial power.

But paying off such debts, **If** your friend does not perform, could put you in poverty. Solomon warned that a creditor may take your bed (*Proverbs 22:26-27*)!

In business, potential financial debts are called contingent liabilities, meaning, if certain things do not work out just right, there will be obligations to pay. A prudent man is very cautious about potential risks.

A prudent man avoids cosigning, except in emergencies or necessities. A prudent man insures himself wisely; he invests cautiously; he analyzes "opportunities" skeptically; he signs contracts reluctantly; never bets the farm on any idea. A prudent man keeps reserve funds; seldom uses debt to operate; and keeps an excellent credit rating.

Such wisdom is ignored today. Instead of paying cash, you borrow for a car; or better yet, you lease it! What happens when you lose your job and cannot make the

lease payments? You owe more than the car is worth! You are stuck!

How about buying a house with "0" down, financing it with an interest-only loan, and getting an equity line to 125% of value? What happens when housing prices drop just 5%, and you need to move?

The financial wisdom of this Proverb is great. Prudent men commit to contracts and obligations, only with great sobriety and only after skeptical analysis. Financial liquidity and personal freedom are very important to wise men. They hate debts!

But there is more wisdom in the Proverb. You need to guard your speech in all matters, you need to be a man of your word. One way to accomplish both is to be very slow in commitments.

David and Solomon warned about keeping vows, which is helped, by vowing reluctantly (*Psalm 15:4; 24:4; Ecclesiastes 5:1-7*).

Backbiting, slandering, talebearing, and whispering are all avoided, by guarding your speech about others (*Proverbs 11:13; 20:19; 25:9-10*).

Fewer words are better (*Proverbs 10:19; 17:27-28*),

Slowness in speaking is righteous (*James 1:19-20*).

To be a man of integrity, only make commitments you can easily keep. **If** you promise to be somewhere at a certain time, be there early. Don't promise hastily, because once you have spoken, you are bound to keep your word.

Performance Based On Diligence. Punctuality Based On Time Management.

Both can be helped by only making commitments and promises with great care and building some fluff into your estimates. Fools blast off and make promises they cannot keep (*Proverbs 12:13; 18:7*).

Fools lips trap them in trouble. Consider Herod and his oath to Herodias's daughter (*Matthew 14:3-11*).

The Proverb condemns rash or excessive commitments. **If** the words have been uttered and the trap set, Solomon's remedy is to do whatever it takes to undo your commitment and make your friend surety for himself (*Proverbs 6:3-5*).

There are two rules of wisdom to remember about suretiship and promises in general:

(1) Suretiship is allowed in circumstances of necessity and charity (*Proverbs 18:24; 19:17; Psalm 112:5; Philemon 1:18-19*).

(2) A promise made in good faith is not binding, **If** the other party's intentions were not in good faith and/or the consequences are evil (*1Kings 2:12-25*).

The limitations should be understood by both parties, as in "till death do us part," which is only one way to end a marriage.

But what of God Himself? The LORD opened His mouth and cannot go back. He promised eternal life before the world began (*Titus 1:2*).

The LORD's justice demanded full payment. No man could pay! So He, Himself brought salvation! Jesus Christ, became the Surety, of His people to perform the necessary obligation for us! Thanks be to God!

Proverbs 6:3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

Suretiship is the subject here (*Proverbs 6:1-5*).

Suretiship is cosigning loans, assuming obligations, or guaranteeing the performance of others. When entered into foolishly, hastily, or excessively, it is a sin of imprudence ^{lack of caution}.

God wants you to be free from unnecessary risks or contingent liabilities. He wants you to live a carefree life. Wise men rejoice at the rule!

Solomon frequently warned against suretiship (*Proverbs 6:1-5; 11:15; 17:18; 20:16; 22:26-27; 27:13*).

Consider why. Kings' sons were solicited every day to use their great credit, reputations, or authority on behalf of friends, acquaintances. With a simple handshake, signature, telephone call, or email, the young men might quickly create enormous potential obligations that could strain resources and relationships.

Prudence is a large part of wisdom. Prudent men are pessimistic, skeptical, and work hard to avoid risk and future trouble.

Foolish men are optimistic, presumptuous, and believe most anything they hear (*Proverbs 14:15; 22:3; 27:12*).

A wise man always has an eye to the future, so that his actions today, will not cost him more tomorrow (*Proverbs 23:5; 27:23-24*).

Wise men are cautious, conservative, critical, deliberate, risk-averse, and slow. Are you?

The Proverb is from the Holy Spirit through Solomon, to his son. He wanted his son to do everything in his

power to immediately get out of any foolish financial obligations for friends (*Proverbs 6:1-5*).

No matter how humbling it might be to reverse your position with a friend, do it now! Deliver yourself from your hasty promise! Beg out of the matter, now! Extricate yourself from the creditor-debtor contract! Get down on your knees and implore for your freedom!

What began pleasantly with glory and pride must now be reversed painfully with humility and shame.

Sinful Choices Bring Negative Consequences

Should you think about this matter, of a co-signing mistake, before correcting it? No! You need to deal with it quickly! Do not even allow yourself to sleep on it (*Proverbs 6:4*)!

Can you simply make a polite and reasonable effort? No! You must energetically and frantically, seek to escape, like a trapped animal or bird (*Proverbs 6:5*)!

There is a broader lesson in this Proverb: a lesson you will be able to use for the rest of your life. The aspects of urgency and humility are required to quickly get out of suretyship apply to other matters as well.

Do you want to be wiser than mere financial prudence? You will find yourself, on many occasions, in other sinful situations, and you must use the same intense efforts to deliver yourself.

If there is even a chance you have offended a person, go immediately, humble yourself, and fully regain your brother; do not think about sleep or everything else. All other things must wait (*Matthew 5:23-26*).

On the other hand, **If** someone has offended you, and you cannot overlook it in love (*Proverbs 10:12; 19:11; 1Corinthians 13:4-7*); then go, humble yourself, and meekly apprise, the party of their offence (*Matthew 18:15-17*).

If you are single, and in a relationship with an unbeliever, go now, humble yourself, and get out of this sinful yoke (*1Corinthians 7:39; 11:11; 2Corinthians 6:14; Ezra 10:1-44*).

If you are even slightly tempted to fornication with any person, go now, humble yourself, and do what it takes to get far away, from that person, and temptation (*Proverbs 4:14-15; 5:8; Matthew 5:28-30*).

If television is hurting your family, go now, humble yourself, and tear the power cord off the back, if you have too (*Psalms 101:3*).

If you are bitter toward your spouse, go now, humble yourself, and clear the air completely (*Ephesians 5:33; Colossians 3:19*).

If you have neglected the spiritual training of your children, go now, humble yourself, and start over today (*Psalms 34:11; Ephesians 6:4*).

If you have a problem with Internet temptations, go now, humble yourself, and tell your parent or spouse to set up password-protected filters to save you from evil.

If you know you have been excessively indulgent with food, go now, humble yourself, and lay down the law with close witnesses, to establish godly limitations on food (*Proverbs 23:2; 1Corinthians 9:24-27*).

If you have not done much for your parents recently, go now, humble yourself, and take them out for dinner tonight (*Ephesians 6:1-3; 1Timothy 5:8*).

If you are behind on any debts, go now, humble yourself, and pay the debt today, or tell the creditor when you will pay (*Proverbs 3:27-28; Romans 13:8*).

If you have not done anything for any brother go now, humble yourself, and do something kind for one today (*Hebrews 3:12-13; Acts 20:35*).

If you are behind confessing your sins, praying, or reading your Bible, go now, humble yourself before God, and confess, pray, or read now (*Psalms 32:5; 55:17; 119:72*). Do not let work, family, play, or sleep interfere (*Job 23:12; Psalm 66:18*).

If you have not listened to godly music recently, go now, humble yourself, and sing to the Lord (*Psalms 47:6-7*)!

When it comes to obeying God, do not allow other obligations or pride to get in your way. David said, "*I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments*" (*Psalms 119:60*).

The Lord Jesus Christ is coming soon with His mighty angels; will He find you in confident righteousness (*1John 2:28-29*)? Go, humble thyself, and make sure thy Lord!

Proverbs 6:4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.

Suretyship, guaranteeing or co-signing obligations of others, can be a trap. **If** you have foolishly made such commitments, use all means and speed to get out of them today. For in all matters of wisdom and righteousness, today, is the time to obey! (*Proverbs 6:1-5*)

Pride Of Life Tempts Men To Pretend They Are More Successful Than They Truly Are!

They will impulsively agree to guarantee or co-sign loans or obligations of their friends to get a deal done

and appear economically important. In accounting and business terminology, this careless action is called mismanagement of contingent liabilities.

Since we have easy access to cheap insurance for any asset or activity, and since we live with greater risk of injury (autos for example), super high medical costs, and an epidemic of lawsuits, we also violate this Proverb by neglecting prudent insurance, especially liability insurance. God's wisdom here is to avoid unnecessary exposure to loss.

Solomon warned often about this error, for it can trap you. **If** creditors come, you may not be able to pay (**Proverbs 22:26-27**).

You exposed your family to unnecessary risk. Not all cosigning is wrong, but it must be done very prudently. See the comments on **Proverbs 6:1**.

How important is this warning? **If** you are involved in suretyship or other exposure to loss, do everything you can to protect yourself this very day! Do not delay! How do you know that adversity will not strike today? Get out of the trap quickly!

Have you promised to keep others' obligations, if they don't? Have you co-signed any loans? Is your personal insurance up to date? Auto liability? Medical? Homeowner's liability? Is your business insurance current? Especially liability? Get covered today!

In all matters of wisdom and righteousness, it is our urgent duty to correct them immediately. David said, *"I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments."* This is the holy ambition and action of every child of God! Is it yours? (**Psalms 119:60**)

You do not know what will happen tomorrow, so do not plan on it (**Proverbs 27:1**).

Felix was convicted by Paul's preaching, but postponed it to a more *"convenient season,"* which never came (**Acts 24:24-27**).

Agrippa was almost persuaded (**Acts 26:27-29**).

The Lord Jesus Christ will judge in wrath against those who waste the opportunity to repent (**Hebrews 3:7-19; Revelation 2:20-23**).

**If You Have Any Conviction In Your Life
Now Is The Time To Make It Right!**

Proverbs 6:5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

There is a time to be frantic! To wildly use every ounce of energy to escape! To violently do anything to get out

of danger! Think about drowning and the desire it creates to get to the surface!

If you agreed to a foolish financial deal, you should be frantic in getting out of it before trouble comes. Thus Solomon warned his son against cosigning loans (**Proverbs 6:1-5**).

A roe is a small species of deer, inhabiting parts of Europe and Asia. It is light of foot and darts and runs very fast when frightened by a hunter. It is able to frantically dash away before a hunter can shoot an arrow at it.

Birds do not like to be taken in a fowler's net. They will thrash wildly, using every ounce of energy and strength they have, to extricate themselves from the net. Their frantic movements, caused by intense, instinctive fear, are almost painful to watch, as a bird can appear to practically turn itself inside out in its efforts to regain its freedom.

**Are You Listening?
Does The Holy Spirit
Have Your Attention?**

Solomon warned his son about foolish financial commitments, especially cosigning loans. Being a king's son brought financial temptations, as friends would ask him to guarantee loans and other obligations. Since he was rich, he might easily agree to such things to be their dealmaker!

Wisdom warns against foolish financial risk (**Proverbs 22:26-27**)!

Wisdom warns against debt (**Proverbs 22:7**).

Wisdom warns that riches are temporary (**Proverbs 27:24**)!

Wisdom warns against contingent liabilities (**Proverbs 22:3**).

Wise men keep their lives as simple as possible with the least amount of risk. **If** you are in any negative or risky financial situation, be like a roe or a bird! Get out of it! Now!

This rule also applies to other sins. Emotional or physical desire for someone you cannot marry leads to fornication. Some sins you may fight; but this sin is only beat by flight (**2Timothy 2:22**)!

Get frantic! Joseph made like a roe or a bird, when Potiphar's wife took him in her warm embrace and begged for him to sleep with her (**Genesis 39:12**)!

How much greater could Samson's accomplishments have been had he been like a frantic roe or bird!

Are You Frantic Enough To Obey God?

David made haste to keep God's commandments (*Psalm 119:60*).

Abraham rose early in the morning to obey a hard request from God (*Genesis 22:1-3*).

The kingdom of heaven is entered by frantic zeal, to conform your life, to be like Jesus Christ (*Matthew 11:12*).

You must strive to press through a strait ^{restrictive} gate (*Luke 13:24; 16:16*).

We work out our salvation with fear and trembling (*Philippians 2:12*)!

What Should You Do Today? Even Right Now?

Proverbs 6:6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

What is a sluggard? A person who is slow, lazy, and does not like to work hard. He is a pain to those trusting him (*Proverbs 10:26*).

Diligent men will be successful (*Proverbs 10:4; 12:24; 14:23; 22:29; 28:19*)

Lazy men will always be losers (*Proverbs 6:10-11; 12:24; 19:15; 20:4, 13; 24:30-34*).

Sluggards are too arrogant to be taught (*Proverbs 26:16*).

Solomon mocks them with the lesson of the ants. **If** these haughty bums were to watch ants for a few minutes, they could learn success; for ants are much wiser than sluggards. A Harvard MBA is not as useful as what is taught in your yard every day. But sluggards are too proud to learn from the small teacher.

Sluggards stay in bed, for they love sleep (*Proverbs 6:9-11; 20:13; 24:30-34*).

Sluggards want things like other men, but they don't want to work for them (*Proverbs 13:4*). Staying in bed is too good!

Let us consider ants. **If** we get down in the grass and watch these little creatures, we quickly see wisdom and habits that are very useful. Ants don't sleep beyond daybreak, and: They don't take siestas; so don't worry about waking them early in the morning.

Ants are always moving, quickly and energetically. They don't stand around, sit around, or drag through their work. They work fast. They don't pace themselves

to spread work out: They go right at a project and work hard until it is finished (*Ecclesiastes 9:10*).

Ants don't need supervision, they just get to work and find something to do. (*Proverbs 6:7*) What a difference from the sluggard, who must always be prodded to get anything done. They work extra hard to store up for bad times, when times are good, (*Proverbs 6:8*).

Ants store surplus rather than eat it. And in their wisdom, they even bite off the ends of grain kernels to keep them from germinating in storage.

Ants don't have union rules or selfish habits keeping them from helping others. If one is moving something too large for it alone, others will help get it where it needs to be.

Ants do not choose the easiest way or get discouraged if the job cannot be quickly finished. When facing difficulties, they energetically try again and again until they are successful.

Ants will go great distances from home in order to find their food. They will get into houses, cars, and just about anything in order to find what they need.

Consider the ways of these little people. Hard work will do much more than talking and dreaming (*Proverbs 14:23; 28:19*).

So reader, don't love sleep; get busy! (*Proverbs 6:9-11; 20:13*)

Proverbs 6:7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

Are you a self-starter? Do you have a great enough sense of responsibility, to know what you ought to do, and to do it? Solomon continues his condemnation of sluggards by comparing them to ants (*Proverbs 6:6-8*).

These little ants, do not need a meeting every morning to be told, what to do and how to do it. They just go to work and get things done, now!

The ants provide an excellent lesson in wise planning, diligence, frugality, and investment. They work hard all summer to provide for their needs during the fall, winter, and spring (*Proverbs 6:8; 30:25*).

Ants work hard, consume little, and save much. All three are great virtues. See the comments on *Proverbs 6:6*.

Ants do what they do without direction. The ants do not have a guide, overseer, or ruler to remind them of diligence, frugality, and saving.

Ants do these things instinctively by God's wise creation. It is a shame that most men cannot copy the virtues of these insignificant little creatures.

Solomon must warn his son, about sluggards of the human race, who do not work during harvest (**Proverbs 10:5; 20:4**).

Many men must be forced to work, reminded to work, told how to work, reproved for jobs poorly done, reminded how to do the job right, and constantly followed, to keep them working (**Proverbs 6:9-11; 20:13**).

They will take a day off for a cold or headache. If the boss is away, they will play. These are sluggards. Other men spend everything they make, much of it on pleasure (**Proverbs 21:17, 20; 23:21**).

They will spend next month's labor by using credit cards for entertainment and toys today. Others like them will invest their money in foolish schemes that rob them and their family (**Proverbs 28:19**).

These two kinds of men, the sluggard and the waster, are brothers. They both come from the family of financial ruin. They both could learn much from the ant. (**Proverbs 18:9**)

You and your spouse are responsible to teach your children, hard work, have wise foresight, develop spending discipline, and constant saving. These four simple traits will do more for their future financial and personal success than any other natural investment you can make in them.

Don't settle for helping them with their Spanish homework, which they may never use and only distracts their minds from profitable learning. Teach them about the ant!

The cure for sluggards and spend thrifts is simple and obvious. Starve them! They will learn both virtues, diligence and saving.

This is the wisdom of God. Humanistic shortcuts like public education, welfare, jobs programs, and charity will not cut it (**Proverbs 20:4; 2Thessalonians 3:6-14**).

Christian charity extends only to acts of God, not the consequences of sloth or waste, only to necessary things, not toys or entertainment.

The locusts are also praised in **Proverbs 30:27**.

Though not having a king, but the displaying of virtue. They have social responsibility and cooperation, for they all go forth by bands. But the ant is singled out twice for its great diligence and frugality, with a wise eye to the future (**Proverbs 6:8; 30:25**).

The Holy Spirit warned that every man shall bear his own burden (**Galatians 6:5**).

You cannot blame your parents, teachers, or pastor for your failure, in either financial or spiritual matters. This is particularly true, **If** you have had good parents and been taught, in a good Bible preaching church. The more advantages you have had, the more you will be punished by the Lord of all (**Luke 12:47-48**).

What should you be doing today? Do you need someone to tell you, again? Do you need to be punished by authorities or circumstances, in order to do it?

Consider the ant, and go do what you ought to be doing. You will be blessed in the deed naturally and spiritually. And you should be especially eager to get at your spiritual duties.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was the ultimate self-starter. He was focused on obeying His Father from the beginning, which He showed even at twelve years of age in the temple. And He did this in spite of His mother and Joseph not understanding or helping Him toward His goal (**Luke 2:49; John 4:34**).

Listen to Him speak of His burden to serve His Father: *"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work"* (**John 9:4**).

Proverbs 6:8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

Saving money is smart! Saving money is right! Ants do it by the wisdom God gave them. Do you? You are doomed to eventual financial trouble and failure:

If you do not save a portion of all income.

If you spend all you make, or spend more than you make, as most Americans.

If you do, you will soon be in financial difficulty, pain, stress, and trouble.

The ant stays underground during the whole winter season, and it consumes the food it stored up during the prosperity of summer and harvest. Without any rulers, guides, or overseers, the ant knows to be conscious of the future and prepare for it (**Proverbs 6:7**).

Saving is not something you should be forced to do; you should want to do it for its great value.

This little creature has great wisdom, and the LORD expects you to learn from it (**Proverbs 6:6-8; 30:25**).

The first lesson is hard work, which sluggards can learn by watching the constant activity of ants. They do not talk about sports at the water fountain!

The second lesson is being a self-starter; they do not need drill sergeants to get them going or remind them of other projects to work on.

The third lesson; they save for the future.

If a man is a diligent self-starter, the ant's first two lessons, he will make considerable income during his lifetime, even if he is uneducated or underemployed.

**What A Man Makes
Does Not Measure The Man
It Is What He Keeps!**

Only what you keep shows character, protects against future trouble, and allows for investment opportunities.

Fools live check to check. Wise men save some of all income, at least ten percent, and put it aside, to be used only for a dire emergency or terrific investment. They think about the future, not spending whatever comes to hand (*Proverbs 21:20*). They cut spending to save.

The younger you are and the better your income, the more you should save. Youth is not for playing; it is for working and saving, for difficult days are coming. If business or income is booming, you should be saving toward fifty percent, for the leaner times ahead.

The Five Rules Of Bible Economics:

1. Obey God,
2. Pay God first,
3. Pay yourself second,
4. Work hard, and
5. Work smart.

These basic rules are absolutely guaranteed to work. The ant does them! It obeys God, saves much, works hard, is very smart (*Proverbs 30:25*). Consider it!

While saving for your financial future, you must also layup treasures in heaven for your spiritual future (*1Timothy 6:17-19*).

That was the wisdom Jesus taught from the unjust steward parable (*Luke 16:1-9*).

Are you making your calling and election sure (*2Peter 1:10-11*)?

Proverbs 6:9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

When do you get up? How do you get up? The time and manner in which you rise in the morning affects your success or failure in life. Great men get a head start on the day! Great men attack every day as an opportunity, rather than dreading it as a punishment!

There are other factors also, but love of your bed in the morning will squander your potential.

Those who think the Bible is a stuffy, irrelevant, and out-of-date theological dust collector have never read it! What a blessed practical book!

Solomon, the wisest and most successful king ever, knew the folly of youth and humanity, so he warned his son and you against loving sleep and sleeping too much (*Proverbs 6:6-11; 10:5; 19:15; 20:13; 21:17; 23:21; 24:30-34*).

Young men play hard and sleep hard. Since they have not had the weight of responsibility and burden of producing for a family, they will take every minute they can get under the covers before falling out and stumbling into a day.

But they are not the only ones! Some older men think they deserve extra sleep because they have already worked hard in life!

Some women think they can make the day go away by staying in bed under warm covers. Cuddling with blankets helps them procrastinate and fantasize about not working.

Instead they have fewer hours, less energy, and more to do when they get up! Young women, who play most of the day in today's world, cannot imagine why they should ever get up!

"Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise," is credited to Benjamin Franklin, though it was a saying before he was born.

Mark Twain, who thought that rising before 9:30 was a terrible evil, ridiculed Ben's proverb. But God and Solomon had given the inspired rules 3000 years before.

**An Early Approach
Does Lead To Wisdom
(Proverbs 8:17).**

**An Early Approach
Does Lead To Wealth
(Proverbs 6:9-11; 20:13; 24:33-34).**

Are you tired in the morning? Then go to bed earlier! Sleeping during prime time will not only help you rise in the morning, but it will also save you from the worst that Hollywood offers.

Do you not sleep well at night? Then get on a schedule and allow yourself less sleep! All other things being equal, a laboring man will sleep very peacefully (*Ecclesiastes 5:12*).

Is it hard to get up in the morning? Build a habit and routine that is good for you. A strict schedule and routine help most people.

Do not use a snooze button on your alarm clock. When it is time to get up, then get up, right then! Immediately take a shower or apply water to your face in some other way.

Wake up! Get up! Get dressed! Get going! Life is short, why waste it in bed! You need a sense of time urgency to attack days (*Ecclesiastes 9:10*)!

The world conspires against the wisdom here. Daylight saving time provides more time for playing in the evenings and less sunshine for rising in the mornings.

If saving daylight is important, why not save it in the morning by moving the clocks back an hour? Men could get a day's work done before lunch! But men would much rather play late!

The Proverb has a definite limit. Night and sleep are part of God's plan for men. In fact, God does not want you going without pleasant sleep, thinking that success depends solely on your efforts (*Psalms 127:2*).

God expects you, to only apply this Proverb within reason, for any efforts beyond that are vain and worthless; He wants you to sleep (*Psalms 127:2*)!

Getting up early and not sleeping too long are only part of life. Once you get up, what are you going to do? God commands you to have a good job and be diligent at it (*Romans 12:11; Ephesians 4:28; 1Thessalonians 4:11-12*).

This is the main intent of the Proverb, so you can follow the example of the industrious ant (*Proverbs 6:6-8*)!

After work you have your other duties: marriage, children, parents, church, finances, house, neighbors, nation, exercise, and so forth.

There is a better reason to rise early. You can seek the Lord and wisdom then. You are sharper (once fully awake!).

There are fewer outside or mental distractions. You will be interrupted less. It puts the priority on God and wisdom. It prepares your soul for the day.

It is Scriptural (*Psalms 5:3; 55:17; 119:147*).

Reading your Bible, praying, and meditating before anything else is the way to a successful life (*Job 23:12; Psalms 19:7-11; 119:103, 127*).

Proverbs 6:10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

A lazy fool is in bed. The sun peaks over the horizon; the clock shows it is time to get up; the night is over, and there is work to do. He sleeps a little longer; he loves his warm bed; he folds his hands and cuddles in his comfy cocoon. He is a lazy fool. Poverty will soon get him (*Proverbs 6:11*)!

His drowsy approach to life will ruin him (*Proverbs 23:21*)!

He ought to get up, but he does not like to work. He prefers to sleep. He tries to postpone work by staying in bed. Maybe the work will go away, and he can sleep all day, he dreams. Maybe another fifteen minutes in bed will make it easier to get up. It feels so good, he mumbles; surely there is nothing wrong with something that feels this good!

Solomon warned against laziness and sleeping too much (*Proverbs 6:6-11*).

Sleeping is a big temptation for young men, so he repeated these very Words again (*Proverbs 24:30-34*).

Solomon mocked the cuddling sluggard, "*As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.*" He rolls back and forth, finding new positions, rather than getting up! (*Proverbs 26:14*)

You cannot make money in bed! More minutes in bed wastes time and opportunity! True wise men get up! They don't hit the snooze button!

Wise men hit the deck! They turn the lights on! They wash their faces! They punch the air! They stretch and flex! They smack their hands! They thank God for another day!

Young men love sleep. They nursed and slept all day to begin life! They do not know the weight of supporting a family. They do not appreciate a paying job. Life so far has been eating, playing, and sleeping! They want to sleep until they feel like getting up, which is often about noon!

They have not learned that too much sleep makes you sleepy (*Proverbs 19:15*)!

Sleep must be ruled like other things. You need a certain amount, and taking more is slothfulness.

Temperance, or self-discipline, is key. Drunkards drink too much; sluggards sleep too much.

**You Cannot Sleep All You Want
Any More Than You Can Drink All You Want.**

Loving sleep is as wrong as loving wine. Solomon wrote, *"Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread"* (**Proverbs 20:13**).

**A Big Step To Success
Is The First Step In The Morning!**

Get Up! Get Going! You Will Be Glad You Did!

Parents! Teach your children to get up by example and rules. Though we have lost the early morning chores of the farm, we can still expect them to be up early and attacking the day! Girls need the rule at least as much, for virtuous women do not sleep in (**Proverbs 31:15**)!

Proverbs 6:11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

**Poverty Is Your Certain Future
If You Approach Duties Sluggishly!**

**Poverty
Is An Irresistible Force
If You Like To Sleep!**

Wake up! Stand up! Get to work! Now! Keep poverty away by doing today's duties (and maybe a few of tomorrow's) right now!

Solomon taught his son the importance of diligence (**Proverbs 6:6-11**).

Solomon first told him to watch the ant, which works vigorously all summer to lay up food for the fall (**Proverbs 6:6-8**). See comments on **Proverbs 6:6** and **Proverbs 6:7**.

The ant works like this without a teacher or ruler, for ants are self-starters! They do not need to be dragged from bed and told to get to work!

Then Solomon ridiculed sleep to shame his son for sleeping too much (**Proverbs 6:9-11**). He asked, *"How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard?"*

Love this father, as he mocks the approach to life that is popular today! *"Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep."* Love his wise sarcasm! You know what he thought about snooze buttons!

A traveler always gets to his destination. Even though the journey may take a while, he will eventually arrive at his chosen endpoint. It happens by degrees, but soon you are there. So it is with poverty. It may take a while to arrive and pull a man under, but it will surely arrive! And it will surely pull him under!

An armed man does not fear resistance, for he is armed. He will go where he pleases, and he will enter any building he chooses. You will not stop him, for he is armed. So it is with poverty. You cannot stop his arrival. Your defenses will crumble before his irresistible approach. Your efforts to avoid him will be in vain.

You lazy sluggard! You sleeper! Hate the bed! Consider it a necessary evil! Solomon said, *"Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread"* (**Proverbs 20:13**).

Be early to work! Work overtime, in the morning! Most anything you can do at night after work, you can also do before work!

You lazy sluggard! You sleeper! You think you're okay? Poverty is coming closer every day. One day, you will borrow to fund your needs?

Credit melts in poverty's advance. You'll ask for a raise? Not with your reputation! You'll beg. Good men let sluggards starve (**Proverbs 20:4**)! It is coming. Get to work!

Spiritual poverty is also very real, but far more costly than financial poverty. **If** you are lax and lazy about spiritual duties, your poverty with God and wisdom will soon be exposed. The hypocrisy of your pretended wealth will disappear before God's fiery trials. Get to work!

Proverbs 6:12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.

What is the easiest way to spot a wicked man or woman? Check their police record? Smell for marijuana? Look for tattoos? No, no, no. Listen for a froward mouth.

Our Proverb reveals naughty and wicked people (**Proverbs 6:12-15**).

Wisdom includes discerning character. We must avoid fools and scorners: we must seek wise and good men (**Proverbs 9:7-9; 13:20; 14:7**).

The world is full of bad people, and wise men will mark and avoid them.

But they will say, "You don't know my heart, so you can't judge me." They say this to hide their hypocrisy and excuse their actions. But we see their output of their hearts clearly. For the froward words of their mouths leak like sewer from their froward hearts (**Proverbs 6:14**).

Our Lord taught plainly that a wicked mouth proves a wicked heart (**Luke 6:45**).

A pure heart is known by gracious speech (*Proverbs 22:11*).

Good speech does not come from an evil heart, and neither can evil speech come from a good heart. So, here is wisdom. Learn it.

Two words in our Proverb are not often used, so let us review their English definitions, Naughty: Characterized by moral badness or wickedness; bad, wrong, improper.

Froward: Disposed to go counter to what is demanded or what is reasonable; perverse, difficult to deal with, hard to please; refractory, ungovernable; bad, evilly-disposed, 'naughty'.

Naughty and wicked people have bad, evil, wrong, and dangerous hearts. They are fools, scorners, or worse.

Because we must avoid them, we need to learn to spot them first. Their speech will be contrary, unreasonable, negative, critical, ornery, disrespectful, haughty, harsh, rebellious, and profane. They cannot change it, for their hearts are evil.

Parents, hear and correct such speech in your children. Foolishness and wickedness can be driven out, if you use the rod and reproof early enough (*Proverbs 22:6, 15; 23:13-14; 29:15*).

When you spot such a person, get away from him (*Proverbs 14:7; 22:10*).

He will snare your soul, waste your time, and bring contention and trouble. But you need not fear him, for calamities are soon coming to his life: God will destroy him suddenly without remedy (*Proverbs 6:15*).

Paul prayed for deliverance from them, for he knew that only men with good hearts and faith were his object (*2Thessalonians 3:1-2*).

Lord, help me to be such a man; let me seek such men.

Proverbs 6:13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

Wicked persons often hide naughty intentions behind subtle body language.

Rather than declare their evil goals and be rejected as dangerous, they use covert and indirect methods for wickedness.

A wise man will learn to recognize these hypocrites and liars, even though they take great effort, to cover their malicious designs. All noble and virtuous men should

reject such body language and methods and make their godly intentions fully known.

The Proverb, is preceded and followed by other Proverbs, that indicate the subject is a wicked, malicious, and naughty person (*Proverbs 6:12, 14*).

This is no ordinary winking, foot movement, or teaching with fingers. The context requires that these movements, are part of a froward man's repertoire in communicating his evil thoughts to others.

Wicked persons are controlled by the folly and evil that boils in their hearts (*Proverbs 6:14*).

Wicked persons cannot stop their sinful thoughts or actions (*Proverbs 6:14*).

Wicked persons talk with a froward, or arrogant and rebellious mouth (*Proverbs 6:12*).

Wicked persons are constantly working their vile business of sowing discord (*Proverbs 6:14*).

Wicked persons cannot rest if others are at peace, for they are always at war (*Psalms 55:21; 120:7*).

A wicked person's mouth, eyes, feet, and fingers all work in one direction, to defraud others.

Judas betrayed the Lord Jesus Christ, with a kiss (*Luke 22:47-48*).

The wounds of a friend, are better than such kisses of and enemy (*Proverbs 27:6*).

Whorish women do not openly declare they are whores: they communicate their intentions by their eyes, clothes, and body movements (*Proverbs 6:25; 7:10; Isaiah 3:16-23*).

Rebellious children roll their eyes at their parents rather than curse them verbally, but God counts both actions equally vile (*Proverbs 20:20; 30:17*).

This Proverb teaches you to identify wicked persons by their arrogant mouths and covert body language, and to avoid them lest you become a victim of their evil intentions and subtle communication, and to know that God will soon judge them without remedy (*Proverbs 6:15*).

God hates this perverseness (*Proverbs 6:15-19*).

Stay away from these dangerous persons, or they will devour you when it would serve their purposes (*Proverbs 10:10; Psalm 35:19*).

**This Proverb Teaches You To Be Direct,
Honest, And Virtuous In Word And Deed.**

The speech and body language of righteous men should be entirely different from the wicked described above.

Righteous men's words should be clear, concise, noble, and right.

Righteous men's actions should be open and honest without subversive intentions or even the appearance of such.

Righteous men's gaze should be sober and constant, without winking.

Righteous men's feet should be used only for walking.

Righteous men's fingers should only point righteously in the sight of all men.

Proverbs 6:14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.

Are you a naughty person, a wicked person?

Are you able to identify people that are?

Solomon listed the traits of evil men and women and their coming punishment (***Proverbs 6:12-15***).

Wisdom has many advantages and facets. Do you live above the traits in this Proverb? Do you have the ability to identify those who do or do not?

Wisdom is the power of right judgment, and wisdom will give you ability to achieve both objectives above: godly living and godly discretion and discernment are key to that achievement.

Solomon had already described a naughty or wicked man as one that has a froward mouth (***Proverbs 6:12***).

This is one of the easiest ways to identify a fool or evil man, listen! His speech will be argumentative, contrary, inappropriate, harsh, unreasonable, hurtful, and uncooperative.

Wisdom teaches your mouth to avoid these despicable sins (***Proverbs 15:28; 16:23***).

Wisdom teaches you to discern them in others (***Proverbs 9:7-8; 14:7; Ecclesiastes 10:12-14***).

Solomon further described a wicked man's propensity for crafty and subtle tactics in his dealings with others (***Proverbs 6:13***).

Rather than being direct, honest, plain, straightforward, and upfront, he slips in, his influence and opinions his winking eyes and message-sending feet and hands.

Godly men are open and truthful, without any subterfuge of any sort. Their noble intentions are known easily.

This Proverb provides three more traits of a wicked man:

First, he has a froward heart. His froward speech is not only a bad habit (***Proverbs 6:12***).

His froward comes from a perverse, implacable, and ungovernable heart.

Such men have an evil disposition. They are agitated, arrogant, difficult to deal with, hard to please, insubordinate, rebellious, and selfish. They would rather argue, complain, debate, and fight than live in peace.

Godly men are the opposite. They are content, cooperative, gracious, helpful, kind, merciful, and patient.

Second, he is continually scheming mischief. His mind has no interest in the good and virtuous thoughts of a wise man (***Philippians 4:8***).

A froward man, cannot rest without conniving and conspiring to take advantage of others (***Proverbs 4:16; Psalm 36:4; Micah 2:1***). God hates this (***Proverbs 6:18***).

Froward men have perverse and twisted hearts and their minds are always imagining the worst about others and planning ways to condemn them, thwart their plans, or disrupt their peace.

Third, he is a troublemaker and disturbs the peace. He sows discord. Harmony, peace, and unity are goals of wise men, for they love peacemaking.

But naughty men are addicted to backbiting, sedition, slandering, talebearing, and whispering.

God hates this way of living (***Proverbs 6:19***).

Naughty men are contentious, and they cannot keep their unhappiness to themselves; they must disrupt the contentment and cooperation of others (***Proverbs 16:28; 26:21***).

What will God do to these naughty persons? He will destroy them (***Proverbs 6:15***)!

God will bring calamities suddenly into their lives for the pain and trouble they have caused others. He will disrupt their plans and peace, and there will be no remedy from His anger. Be sure your sin will find you out! Wickedness brings judgment!

God says to you, "*Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness*

the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).

Reader, reject naughty and wicked habits. Repent, and confess them to God.

Go to those who have mistreated you and make peace or restitution. Do not think for a minute that just hearing this warning has any value. The blessing and reward are in the doing (**James 1:22-27**)!

God has offered you wisdom in this Proverb.

A wise man will see the traits of naughty men and go as far as he can in the opposite direction.

A wise man will learn to discern and perceive wicked traits in others, to be warned or to avoid them.

A wise man will train these traits entirely out of his children.

A wise man will thank God for the wisdom of His Word and pray for the conviction to obey it fully.

Proverbs 6:15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

A naughty person, a wicked man, will be punished suddenly and severely. There will be no remedy for him. God will judge him for his folly and sin.

There are consequences to your choices in life, even if you hide thoughts in your heart where others cannot easily see them.

Through the Holy Spirit, Solomon, wrote against naughty and wicked men (**Proverbs 6:12-19**).

These evil men have froward mouths (**Proverbs 6:12**), they use body language to deceive and hurt (**Proverbs 6:13**).

These evil men have froward hearts, devise mischief continually, and sow discord (**Proverbs 6:14**).

These evil men are guilty of seven sins God hates (**Proverbs 6:16-19**).

This Proverb is what God promises to do to these men. Consider the generation of Noah. After a week (a seven day period) of extending His grace, a terrible calamity came suddenly! There was no remedy! Suddenly everyone was drowned!

God saw that men were very wicked and the thoughts of their hearts were only evil continually (**Genesis 6:5**). Therefore, He sent a worldwide flood that suffocated every man, woman, child, and infant to death.

False teachers have lied about the God of the Bible. God hates all sin. His righteous nature despises foolishness and their wickedness.

Solomon said so in the context (**Proverbs 6:16-19**). His father David said so elsewhere (**Psalms 5:5; 11:5**).

God will not put up with rebellion for long. *"He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1).*

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15).

Korah thought himself holy enough to compete with Moses, but God buried him and his family alive (**Numbers 16:1-33**).

Haman was a rising star in Persia, but Ahasuerus suddenly hung him and his sons for wickedness (**Esther 7:9; 9:25**).

Judas Iscariot conspired to betray Jesus of Nazareth, but he spilled his guts on the ground in a violent death (**Acts 1:18**).

If you want to be naughty in your life, be forewarned and prepare to receive the consequences! Read the news and see this Proverb being fulfilled daily. The truth of this Proverb is as true as the law of gravity!

How much longer will God tolerate this generation? How much longer will God tolerate your foolishness and rebellion? You are being warned! Do not stiffen your neck (**Proverbs 29:1**)!

It is not too late, **If** you can read this commentary, with understanding and feel guilt, shame, and conviction in your heart!

If you repent and turn from your sins, confessing them to God, for the acts of wickedness they are, God can and will forgive you. (**1John 1:9**)

Remember the substitutionary death of a perfect Mediator, Jesus Christ (**Isaiah 55:6-9; Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38**)!

Go on stubbornly at your own peril!

Proverbs 6:16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

How bad is sin? God hates it with extreme disgust and intense aversion! Sin is an abomination to the LORD! What men call faults, errors, or mistakes, God calls sin!

God despises and abhors sin, He loathes it!

With our degraded concept of God's holiness, we cannot know the full extent of God's incredible hatred and loathing of sin.

With a degraded concept of God's character, foolish men imagine that God must be like them. The Lord's infinite hatred of sin, is one of His most glorifying attributes, it separates Him from the pagan deities men have imagined.

Holiness: The absolute freedom from sin, and the absolute and violent loathing of sin, is what makes God beautiful (*Psalms 29:2; 96:9*)!

The more pure the character, the more glorious the Being! There is none holy as the Lord (*1Samuel 2:2*).

Even the heavens are not clean in His sight (*Job 15:14-16*). Worship Him! Love Him!

Solomon here introduced seven sins God hates. The LORD hates all sin equally, with an infinite hatred and loathing; but Solomon sought to warn his son about several sins: That destroy wisdom, and that leave a man exposed before his holy Creator.

The seven sins are pride, lying, murder, evil thoughts, mischief, false witnesses, and sowing discord.

The fear of the LORD, which is the foundation of wisdom and understanding (*Proverbs 1:7; 9:10*), includes a God-like hatred for sin.

By the Holy Spirit, Solomon wrote later in Proverbs, "*The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate*" (*Proverbs 8:13*).

Also, by the Holy Spirit, David wrote, "*Ye that love the LORD, hate evil.*"

In our compromising society, it is impossible to get a proper view of sin. Criminals are pardoned; sin is glamorized, sin is Justified by the educational system; and all levels of authority allow sin to go unchecked. Punishment is lenient, so leniently it is no deterrent at all (*Ecclesiastes 8:11*).

How bad is sin? God condemned Satan to an eternal hell for pride (*Isaiah 14:12-15; Matthew 25:41*).

How bad is sin? God condemned mankind to an eternal hell for disobeying, i.e., Adam eating the fruit from a forbidden tree (*Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-14*).

How bad is sin? God drowned the entire world in a flood of water, without regard to age or sex, for their sin and wickedness (*Genesis 7:21-23*).

How bad is sin? The LORD annihilated seven nations of Canaan for abominable atrocities like adultery and sodomy, two sins glamorized in America (*Leviticus 18:1-30; Acts 13:19*).

How bad is sin? A man was stoned to death for picking up firewood on the Sabbath (*Numbers 15:32-36*).

How bad is sin? God killed a man and his wife in church for fudging their giving (*Acts 5:1-11*).

How bad is sin? God required capital punishment for disrespectful children (*Proverbs 30:17; Deuteronomy 27:16*).

How bad is sin? God required the death penalty for adultery (*Leviticus 20:10*), and God considers even the desire for another woman as adultery (*Matthew 5:28*).

God considers unjust anger and cruel words as implicit murder (*Matthew 5:21-26*).

God counts the violation of one precept as breaking the entire law, for even one transgression is of infinite evil (*James 2:10-11*).

How bad is sin? In order for God to accept any man in His presence, He had to send His only begotten Son to be tortured to death in a substitutionary payment for sin!

By the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, we clearly see God's hatred for sin. He forsook His beloved Son, when the sins of the world were laid to His charge (*Matthew 27:46*).

God is able and willing to love His children, because He sees them in Christ Jesus (*Ephesians 1:3-6*).

The Jews thought they were rid of Jesus of Nazareth, but He allowed the Roman armies just 40 years later, to kill and over one million in the city of Jerusalem alone and level their city to the ground.

One of the greatest character traits of the Lord Jesus Christ was His love of righteousness and hatred of sin (*Psalms 45:7; Hebrews 1:8-9*).

For this glorious attribute, the Father honored Him far above all other men. From His example, we can see that nobility of spirit and approval before God is in direct proportion of this virtue and hatred of sin.

David wrote again, "*The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. For the righteous LORD*"

loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright" (*Psalms 11:4-7*).

Reader, what should you do? Reorder your value system! Teach your children to abhor sin and evil. Teach them to love righteousness and holiness.

Exalt good men and women. Punish sin severely; reward virtue generously! Love the whole Bible, not just pet verses! Choose to be like David, and hate all evil influences, in a holy desire to walk perfectly before God (*Psalms 101:2-8*).

Proverbs 6:17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

God hates seven things, three are in this verse (*Proverbs 6:16-19*)!

Though pride, lying, and murder are accepted today, the LORD hates them. God has not changed, even remotely, since eternity!

If you want a war with this great God, who is holy, then allow one of these sins in yourself (*Psalms 47:2; 66:3-5; 68:35; 99:3*).

Our effeminate society may try to outlaw hatred, but the God despises political correctness and still hates sin (*Psalms 5:5; 11:5; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8*)!

Do not deceive yourself! God is not the senile old man painted by Michelangelo for popes and cardinals to dream about!

God is angry at the wicked every day (*Psalms 7:11*)!

God will soon cast His enemies into hell (*Psalms 9:17; Revelation 20:11-15*)!

Before excusing or justifying yourself in the condemning light of this Proverb, remember three things: ¹God hates more than seven sins, He hates all sin (*Exodus 34:7; Nahum 1:3*). ²The application of this Proverb includes much more than meets the eye (*Psalms 119:96; Matthew 5:21-22*). ³And you will give a full account to Him shortly (*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*).

Having the right sense is important here, lest the self-righteous try to escape (*Nehemiah 8:8*): when the Word of God condemns a proud look, a lying tongue, and murdering hands: it intends much more than a sinful face, or speech, or actions. It includes every associated sin that would fall under that general category. For example, a proud heart with a humble look is damned!

The LORD hates a proud look! He cannot stand any kind of pride in angels or men. He cast Lucifer and his

angels out of heaven for pride (*Isaiah 14:12-15; 1 Timothy 3:6; Jude 1:6*).

The LORD hates self-esteem, strife, haughty thoughts, self-promotion, proud anger, an irreligious life, selfishness, boasting, conceited eyes, and stubbornness among other sins (*Proverbs 13:10; 14:3; 21:24; 25:27; 26:16; 30:17; Psalm 10:2-6; Isaiah 2:11-12; Romans 12:3; Galatians 6:3; 2 Timothy 3:1-5*).

The LORD hates a lying tongue! He loves truth, and He hates any kind of deception.

The devil is the father of lies, and his children are just like him. All liars are going to hell (*John 8:44; Ephesians 2:1-3; Revelation 21:8; 22:15*).

The LORD hates other definitions of lying: exaggeration, fraud, misrepresentation, false witnessing, slander, flattery, silence under oath, and joking among other sins of lying (*Proverbs 10:18; 12:22; 19:5; 20:23; 26:18-19,28; Exodus 23:1; Deuteronomy 19:16-21; Job 17:5*).

The LORD hates murderous hands! He loves life, for He is the living God, and He gives life and breath to all (*Genesis 2:7; Isaiah 42:5; Acts 17:25*).

Life is sacred, not because man is special, but because God created it and defends it! The devil was a murderer from the beginning, and so are his children, who are all going to hell (*John 8:44; Revelation 21:8; 22:15*).

God hates all forms of murder: hatred abortion, backbiting, bitterness, debate, envy, grudges, malice, manslaughter, negligent homicide, strife, foolish anger, neglecting child discipline, railing, foolish killing of animals, ignoring cries for help, lack of mercy, wrath, withholding of capital punishment, and talebearing among other sins of murder (*Proverbs 12:20; 13:24; 22:6-7; 23:13-14; 31:8-9; Exodus 21:22-25, 28-29; Deuteronomy 22:6-8; Matthew 5:21-26; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 4:31-32*).

God's Word is to be interpreted and applied broadly. Its commandments go far beyond what meets the eye, or the limitations your heart wishes were on them!

These are things God hates, and yet they are hardly preached against today! Seeker sensitive preachers want you to think all is well! But you can see there might be one or two sins that condemn you! You need to teach these things to your children, and you need to humble yourself.

You may be condemned! David put it this way, "If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?" (*Psalms 130:3*).

If God marks and records sins, then every man is doomed to eternal judgment. And He does just that! He will show you every violation, of this Proverb, in a day

fast approaching (*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Revelation 20:11-15*).

But that is not the end of the story, for David wrote next, "But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared" (*Psalms 130:4*).

Without forgiveness, God would be unapproachable; but there is mercy for those that call upon Him (*John 3:19; 5:40; 6:44; 8:45*)!

God chose to forgive before the world began by providing, Jesus Christ, as a perfect substitute to die for us (*John 6:38-39; 10:26-29; 17:2; Romans 5:6-21; 8:29-39; Ephesians 1:3-11; 1 Peter 1:20*).

Proverbs 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

The next two sins God hates! God is watching your heart and your feet: How well are you ruling your thoughts? God will hold you accountable for them.

God hates the wicked imaginations and fantasies of a foolish heart. How well are you restraining and guiding your feet?

God hates hasty and impulsiveness of sinners who rush from sin to sin.

Contrary to popular opinion, hate is good. God hates seven sins, as our context clearly shows (*Proverbs 6:16-19*).

God hates the foolishness of the workers of iniquity (*Psalms 5:5*).

God will declare soon that He never knew them, He never had any affection for them (*Matthew 7:23*).

David also hated ^{lacked respect} these sinners. Two of the sins that God hates are listed in this Proverb. Are you guilty of them? (*Psalms 139:21-22*)

You cannot hide from God's all-seeing eyes (*Proverbs 15:3; Psalms 11:4*).

God sees and ponders all you do (*Proverbs 5:21; Jeremiah 17:10*).

In God's holy sight, foolish thoughts are sin (*Proverbs 24:9; Ezekiel 14:4; Matthew 5:28*).

God can divide between your soul and spirit, and every thought and intent of your heart is naked before Him (*Hebrews 4:12-14*).

God sees where you go and what you do, no matter how well, you hide them from others (*Job 34:21; Psalms 139:1-6*).

What is a heart that devises wicked imaginations? It is a heart that develops and forms sinful thoughts from lustful affections and emotions.

God described Noah's generation with very similar words (*Genesis 6:5*).

Do you allow lusts of your heart to form sinful ideas and thoughts? This is precisely how sin gets started (*James 1:13-16*).

You Must Guard And Rule Your Heart (*Proverbs 4:23*).

Do you have sexual fantasies (*Proverbs 6:25; Job 31:1*)?

Do you surmise evil about others (*1 Timothy 6:3-5*)?

Do you hold grudges (*Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 18:35*)?

Are you puffed up about yourself (*Colossians 2:18*)?

Do you envy the advantages of others (*James 3:14-16*)?

Do you hate anyone in your heart (*Leviticus 19:17*)?

Do you curse any authority at all, under your breath (*Ecclesiastes 10:20*)?

What are feet that are swift in running to mischief? They describe a man who is hasty and impulsive to sin (*Proverbs 1:16*).

This sinning man, has a greedy desire for sin; for he not only lacks conscience and restraint, he also lasciviously craves sin (*Ephesians 4:19*).

Revenge is sweet to this sinning man. He races to exact vengeance. He is often in trouble, as he speedily goes from sin to sin.

If you have a temper, it is your duty to rule it, or your quick anger will offend God (*Proverbs 14:29; 16:32; James 1:19-21*).

Stay away from angry persons, for they will lead you to sin (*Proverbs 22:24-25; 29:22*).

Stay cautious and slow in your dealings, and don't rush impetuously ahead (*Proverbs 19:2,11; 22:3*).

If You Have Sinned In This Manner In The Past: Then Turn Away, Run Away And Stay Away!

The all-seeing eyes of God are looking for faithful men. God will put forth His might to bless such men (**2Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 34:11-16**).

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23).

Love, the true God, with all your heart (**Deuteronomy 6:4-5**).

Keep your feet, in the way of understanding (**Proverbs 21:19**).

Do not go near, the strange woman (**Proverbs 5:8**).

Avoid the wide gate and broad way that leads to destruction (**Matthew 7:13**).

Proverbs 6:19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Here are the last two of seven things God hates (**Proverbs 6:16-19**).

God hates the lies, of those who falsely witness against others, and He hates sowing discord that causes division in a church.

God is holy (**Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8**).

God hates sin period (**Proverbs 8:13; Hebrews 1:9**).

God is too holy to love sin (**Job 15:5; Habakkuk 1:13 Psalms 5:4-6; 11:4-7; 139:21-22**).

God will tell the lost wicked in the last day that He never knew them (**Matthew 7:23; 13:47-50**)!

God loves and accepts those He made holy through Jesus Christ, we are predestined, to become like Jesus Christ (**Ephesians 1:3-6; Romans 9:15**).

The LORD said, "*Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour*" (**Exodus 20:16**).

God hates this sin very much, so He included it in the summary list.

God knows the terrible damage a wicked mouth could do to others, and how little defense there is against it, so He condemns it forcefully (**Proverbs 19:5, 9; 25:18; Exodus 23:1; Zechariah 8:17**).

The Bible strongly attacks lying, false accusing, slandering, whispering, backbiting, and talebearing.

When men are on trial for their lives, freedom, or fortune, it is imperative that witnesses tell the whole

truth and nothing but the truth; so our nation solemnly swears them, to this duty, before taking testimony or cross-examination.

God requires at least two witnesses in all cases to protect from false testimony (**Deuteronomy 19:15**).

If a man testified falsely in Israel, he was punished with the very judgment at stake, no matter how horrible (**Deuteronomy 19:16-21**).

A lying and false accusing mouth can cause enormous harm. The rape of reputation and character is worse than that of the body (**Psalm 35:11-12**).

Physical violence is horrible, but allows for some defense and recovery; verbal slander and false accusations are worse, and there is very little defense with long lasting damage.

As a Christian, it is your duty to be men and women of truth and principle (**Exodus 18:21**).

Carefully consider your thoughts, words, and intentions before saying anything about others.

Let your lips praise others rather than detract from them, and if you ever must, testify of or for another, be scrupulously faithful and honest with every word (**Proverbs 14:5**).

God also loves unity, especially among His people (**Psalm 133:1-3; 1Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:3-4**).

God hates openly or subtly disturbing fellowship and peace (**Proverbs 6:12-15; 16:28; 26:20; Romans 16:17-18**).

God condemns variance ^{alteration change}, debate, envy, implacability ^{irreconcilable anger}, emulations ^{do more than others to obtain carnal favors or honors}, evil surmising, strife, sedition, tumults, and whispering.

Instead God commands and commends peace (**Matthew 5:9; 2Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 3:16; Colossians 3:15; James 3:17-18**).

A chord is harmonious, blending of coordinated notes. Accord is agreement and harmony.

Concord is the state of peace and agreement between parties. All three words are related, meaning agreement, harmony, and peace.

But discord is an antonym, meaning absence of concord or harmony. It is disagreement, variance, dissension, and strife. Do you labor in your church, to make all things blend harmoniously?

Individuals sow discord when they disrupt the harmony, agreement, unity, and peace of a church or other parts

of society, by spreading the poison of division and enmity.

Individuals sow discord, when they alienate, the affections of men and stir up their passions against one another.

Individuals foment strife, contention, jealousies, and confusion by talebearing, insinuations, foolish questions, seditious doubts, forming of cliques, and other perverse means. These separatists are sensual enemies of true saints, and they have not the Spirit (*Jude 1:19*).

Let us be the peacemakers that our Savior blessed (*Matthew 5:9*).

Take every opportunity to promote unity and agreement; work hard to keep yourself and others in harmony with the congregation.

Let us seek peace and pursue it (*1Peter 3:11*).

Make the endeavor, of peace and reconciliation a priority in your life (*Ephesians 4:3; Matthew 5:23-24*).

Consider well our Lord and His perfect conduct in light of these two sins. The Jews used false witnesses to condemn Jesus to death (*Matthew 26:59*).

Jesus Christ is the faithful and true witness (*Revelation 3:14; 19:11*).

Wicked Jews were against Jesus and stirred up the Gentiles against the apostles (*John 9:16; Acts 14:2*).

But the Prince of Peace destroyed Jew/Gentile enmity and made both one by His cross (*Isaiah 9:6; John 11:52; Ephesians 2:11-22*)!

Proverbs 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Great parents work together to teach their children rules for safe and successful lives.

Great children remember what their parents taught them and do it. God gave parents distinct advantages over children, experience, wisdom, a long-term perspective, great affection for them, and objective knowledge of their children's weaknesses.

The first step to success and prosperity is to obey your parents' instruction. Simple? Yes. Easy? No.

How much pain and trouble could you have avoided, if you had obeyed your parents better? No matter how foolish your parents might have been, they were

infinitely wiser than you when God introduced you to them at conception and birth (*Proverbs 22:15*).

However, the Proverb speaks primarily of wise and understanding parents, which are a wonderful advantage for children, **If** they will humbly hear their instruction and keep it.

Obeying parents is ridiculed in most circles today. Parents are mocked as being ignorant, out of touch with reality, too selfish or conservative. Not understanding how attitudes and conduct have changed. Intent only on depriving children of opportunities and pleasure, and so on and so forth.

Because of this it is only the rare child that can reject peer pressure and this world's wicked philosophy to humbly consider his parents' rules and obey them.

Solomon was ready to warn his son again about whores (*Proverbs 6:23-35*).

To maximize the seriousness of these sexual warnings, he exhorted his son to remember the careful instruction he had received from both parents. They had taught him the moral absolutes, God ordained for the human race, and they exhorted him, to keep them continually, for they would provide great protection and prosperity throughout his life (*Proverbs 6:21-23*).

Young reader, are you as wise as Solomon hoped his son would be? Do you keep your father's commandment? Do you obey the law of your mother? God created parents (*Genesis 3:20; 4:1*). God ordered you to obey them (*Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-3*).

They know one thousand times more about life, including love and sex, than you. Talk to them. Confess your sins to them. Admit your fears and temptations. Ask for advice and help. Obey their rules.

Parent, have you taught your children about life and the right way of the Lord? Do you merely send them off to school Monday through Friday and to Sunday school on Sunday?

Do you teach them, strict moral absolutes, against the situational ethics of society? Have you taught them wisdom, for applying moral absolutes, to unique circumstances?

Do they know God's laws about sex? Training children is not an option. It is a commandment of God (*Genesis 18:19; Deuteronomy 6:4-7; Psalm 78:1-8; Ephesians 6:4*).

Parent, get to it today (*Proverbs 19:18; 29:15*)!

Proverbs 6:21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

Good Rules Must Be Remembered Or They Have No Value!

If you are given instructions to save your life, you must review and obey them to avoid death.

If you face frequent situations of life or death, the necessary rules can never be forgotten and must be recalled continuously.

Solomon warned his son to never forget his father's commandment and his mother's law regarding whorish women (*Proverbs 6:20-35*).

Sexual Sins Are A Great Danger To Every Young Person

The consequences are very costly with abortion, disease, divorce, guilt, loneliness, destroyed relationships, ruined reputations, and sexual dysfunction among them. The world calls it casual sex and glamorizes it.

What God despises and condemns, Hollywood defends and promotes. Parents must teach their children sexual truth and remind them of it often.

Sexual Sins Are A Great Temptation To Every Young Person

High hormone levels, media bombardment of the senses, excessive leisure time, immodest attire, ridicule of young marriages, and many willing partners combine for a powerful draw.

Rather than condemning and warning against it, the entertainment and education establishments allow and encourage it. Parents must restrain their children.

The plural pronoun "*them*" refers to the father's commandment and the mother's law (*Proverbs 6:20*).

These were parental rules to save their son from the threat of whores (*Proverbs 6:23-24*).

Solomon wrote much about this danger in the book of Proverbs (*Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-23; 6:20-35; 7:6-27; 9:13-18; 22:14; 23:27-28*).

Parent, do you warn your children of this danger?

Binding Them Continually On The Heart: means to affectionately receive them, and fervently obey them, with the intent to never forget them (*Proverbs 3:3; 4:21; 7:3*).

Tying Them Around Your Neck: means to keep them visible in all life situations, as a ready reminder.

If God's sexual warnings are hid in the heart and visible in the life, success is very likely (*Psalms 119:9, 11*).

The Holy Spirit knows it will work, for He inspired Solomon to write, "*When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee*" (*Proverbs 6:22*).

Can you see a man without eyes, grinding in a Philistine prison? Did his parents warn him? Indeed, they did (*Judges 14:1-3*)!

Samson did not bind, the safe advice on his heart or tie the advice around his neck. Though stronger than any man, he was no match for the beauty, words, and embraces of Delilah (*Proverbs 7:26*).

After his fall, he had much time to reflect and hate how he had forgotten their helpful rules (*Proverbs 5:8-14*).

Casual Sex Had Destroyed Samson It Was His Fault

Proverbs 6:22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

Wisdom, is a most a valuable guide, protector, and friend, both day and night! Have you bound it on your heart and tied it about your neck (*Proverbs 6:21*)?

As you proceed through life, wisdom will direct your choices. As you sleep in your bed, wisdom will comfort your soul, keep your thoughts right, and protect you from evil spirits. As you begin each day, wisdom will be your friend and counselor, in facing the day's events.

The singular pronoun "*it*" refers to the law of God as taught by godly parents (*Proverbs 6:20-21*).

If parents, train and teach their children correctly, the father's commandment and the mother's law, though from two different parties, is one body of wisdom and so also the truth, the law of God.

The law of God, enhances the nurture and admonition of the Lord, the singular doctrine of God (*Deuteronomy 12:32; Joshua 1:7-9; Ephesians 6:4*)!

Parents, unite today on God's Word!

Can wisdom lead you, as you go through life? Yes! Indeed! Wisdom is the power of right judgment, the ability to discern a situation and know what to do.

Life has many choices and decisions, many of which have serious consequences, and are presented deceitfully by the world. You cannot even trust your own heart (*Jeremiah 17:9*).

When you are ready to turn out of the way, wisdom will say, *"This is the way, walk ye in it" (Isaiah 30:21).*

Wisdom will guide you in making these decisions that destroy others (*Proverbs 4:5-9; 8:1-21; 22:3; Ecclesiastes 10:10!*)

Can wisdom keep you, when you sleep at night? Yes! Indeed! Wisdom, will deliver you, from fear and guilt to sleep peacefully (*Proverbs 3:24; Psalm 41:1-4).*

Wisdom can teach you in the night (*Job 33:14-18; Psalm 63:6).*

Wisdom will keep you, from earning God's chastening or fainting under it (*Proverbs 3:11-12; Psalm 32:1-5).*

Wisdom will protect you from the fears that plague others (*Psalm 34:7; Isaiah 26:3-4).*

Wisdom will keep you from overworking and worrying about things that God will do for you (*Psalm 127:1-2; Philipians 4:6-7).* Lay hold of wisdom today!

Can wisdom talk with you, when you awake? Yes! Indeed! Wisdom is the knowledge of God and His will for your life. When you awake to the challenges, opportunities, and fears of a day, you will have a gentle companion to reassure you and direct you.

Wisdom will help you instead of being intimidated and overwhelmed, you can be courageous and excited.

Wisdom will help you instead of being hopeless as others, you can rejoice in the future!

Wisdom will give you confidence and strength to live joyfully and victoriously (*Proverbs 14:26; 21:22; 28:1; Psalm 104:34; Romans 15:13).*

Get wisdom! Where? It is freely offered, in the fear of the Lord and the Word of God (*Proverbs 9:10; Psalm 19:7).*

Parents, teach wisdom to your children. Children, learn wisdom from your parents. Parents and children, love the preaching of wisdom (*Jeremiah 3:15; Malachi 2:7; Acts 10:33; Colossians 1:28; 1Thessalonians 5:20).*

Proverbs 6:23 *For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:*

Good parents protect their children from sexual sins. They set rules, give laws, reprove bad conduct, and provide instruction, about this dangerous and important matter.

The fool that disregards his parents' sexual warnings will destroy himself.

Solomon and his wife warned their son about whorish women and adultery (*Proverbs 6:20-35).*

Solomon appealed to his son to remember their instructions about the damning consequences of sexual sins (*Proverbs 6:20-24).*

The commandment here is from Solomon as father; the law is from Solomon's wife as mother; and the plural reproofs of instruction are from both (*Proverbs 6:20).*

Parents must teach and warn their children (*Proverbs 22:6; 29:15; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 29:29; Ephesians 6:4).*

Parent's reproofs and instruction must include regular advice and warning about sexual sins, which are mentioned often in Scripture (*Proverbs 7:6-27; Genesis 2:24-25; 39:7-12; Leviticus 18:6-30; 20:10-24; 2Samuel 11:1-27; Malachi 2:10-16; Matthew 5:27-32; 1Thessalonians 4:3-8; etc.).*

Parents, especially mothers, invest much time and effort in their children's schooling, homework, athletics, entertainment, and arts.

But few parents, especially mothers, help them with sex. Christian children often wonder how they were conceived, since they see no sparks, looks, touches, or teases between their parents about sex or lovemaking.

The devil used the prudish approach to sex that is totally foreign to the Bible. In spite of what many older Christians believe, the Bible is very positive toward sex. Just read the Song of Solomon!

Repression and silence about sex continues to wreck dysfunctional havoc in marriages, which brought about the sexual revolution to counteract this deadly perversion. The truth is between both ditches!

While godly parents are happy lovers and promote marital sex to their children, they absolutely condemn fornication; limit time with the opposite sex; control emotional attachments; eliminate lustful music, reading, movies, and television; chaperone dates; ridicule current trends; take measures to preserve virginity.

Father! Do your children know your commandments? Have you made them in light of Scripture? Have you explained them adequately? Have you defined them carefully?

Mother! Have you given laws to your children regarding love and sex? Are they free from foolish prudery and based on godly Bible wisdom? Are they clearly understood?

Child! God doesn't care how old you are! If you have parents, you are a child! The sixteen-year-old girls and

eighteen-year-old boys know nothing about sex. And they are not much better at thirty!

The only thing children know well is finding emotional and sexual trouble.

Children are Full of folly and lust. Child you are a disaster waiting to happen (*Proverbs 7:7; 22:15; Psalm 25:7; Ecclesiastes 11:9-10; 2Timothy 2:22*).

Children, listen to your parents! God sent them to protect you from yourself!

Child! This Proverb is primarily for you! Solomon told his son, that his father's command and his mother's law, were the lamp and light, to keep him from the dark and painful trouble of sexual sins.

Their combined reproofs and instruction were the only way to have a good life. Believe it, or pay a heavy price (*Proverbs 2:18; 5:5; 7:27; 9:18*)!

And remember, there is more than one way to die, for life can often be more painful than death (*Proverbs 1:24-31; 5:23; 13:15; 22:5*)!

Proverbs 6:24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

Men love the praise of a woman. They love the adoration of a female. It is even more exciting, when it comes from a new woman, a beautiful woman, or a popular woman.

Evil women use this weakness to seduce men into adultery and fornication. Virtuous women use this need to honor and love their husbands.

Young men must be taught repeatedly against the seducing power and grave danger of the flattery of a whore.

Solomon, being a wise father, sought to prepare his son for the throne of Israel. Knowing that "power" is one of the greatest aphrodisiacs and motives for corrupt women, he warned his son often about the danger of enticing words from a "strange woman" (any woman he had not married) (*Proverbs 2:16; 5:3; 7:5, 13-21; 22:14; 29:5*).

Solomon knew the thrill of praise from another woman, implying her desire for intimacy, was a great threat.

An evil woman, will go to bed, with a man she has not married; she is an adulteress and a whore. She is a strange woman, because she is foreign to his marriage bed (*Hebrews 13:4*).

There are women, and more today than ever, that think lightly of sexual purity or loyalty. Virginity at marriage is not a great desire, and neither is faithfulness after marriage. They usually prey on noble and successful men, especially kings' sons (*Proverbs 6:26; 7:26; 23:27-28*).

These evil women, have only a few basic tricks, which young men must be taught to identify and avoid.

First, they expose and emphasize, their feminine beauty by immodest dress or conduct, to capture his eyes (*Proverbs 6:25; 7:10; Isaiah 3:16*).

Since men are stimulated by sight, this is a great temptation. Wise men avoid the presence of immodest women (*Proverbs 5:8*).

Second, these women use their eyes, to admire a man, and show their willingness, to be his sexual partner. The use of eyes this way is often called "bedroom eyes."

Evil women, know how to signal a man, that they want him, and few men can resist the look (*Proverbs 6:25; Isaiah 3:16*).

Virtuous men do not allow such eye contact with any woman but their wives.

The third trick is flattering speech, to break down, a man's resistance and close in for the sexual kill. Immodest attire tempts men at a distance without involvement.

Eye contact, is usually, the first personal connection, that begins the seduction.

Intimate words, confirm the willingness, express adoration in more detail, and persuade the man to yield.

How powerful are words from a woman? Far more than most imagine! Consider Samson. Though he knew Delilah intended to destroy him, due to his three tests that she flunked terribly, he could not resist her daily pressing him with enticing words (*Judges 16:1-21*).

Safety from this third level of seduction is simple! Do not talk more than necessary with women. And cut off any woman that is flattering in her words. This includes telephone, email, or chat rooms, where men can be seduced by words without seeing a woman or having eye contact.

If this requires avoiding family friends, changing jobs in an office, or other drastic measures, it should be done quickly (*Matthew 5:28-30; Romans 13:14*).

Young men, must be taught to dislike and avoid girls that are forward, in speech or conduct. Immodest attire and bold faces, usually identify them, but not always.

From a young age, both parents should warn their sons that forward girls are evil and dangerous. Specific

examples from school, the neighborhood, or even a carnal church family, should be used to drive the point home and train sons, to despise this threat to virtue and success.

Wise parents recognize from the warning in this Proverb that restricting monitoring conversations with girls is important to protect sons from fornication.

The telephone, is a boon to the sex business and interpersonal communication, but it poses a new threat to young men.

The cell phone, or the sin phone in many cases, provides a vehicle for communication, that is much harder to restrict or monitor. Parents, beware!

Only foolish parents, focus on un-chaperoned dating or other obvious opportunities, for sexual intimacy.

Wise parents, will seek to cut off, the flattering conversations that seduce hearts, and fuel desires, before a couple has even been alone together.

They know that the sexual stimulus and emotional appeal of lengthy conversations, or even emails, can steal hearts and morals before two young people are allowed to be alone.

Young women, should be taught to never flirt with words, letters, cards, notes, phone calls, or emails until they are married or nearly married.

Young women, should know flattering words are for their husbands, not tricks, to seduce or frustrate men.

Young women, should be taught the meek, quiet, and shamefaced appearance the Word of God teaches (*1Timothy 2:9-10; 1Peter 3:3-4*).

Godly mothers will also illustrate and teach how to use words to please their husbands.

Good words and fair speeches, are used for more than sexual sins. Paul warned that words are also used to entice Christians into false doctrine (*Romans 16:17-18*).

False teachers will not tell you that they want to mislead you from the truth. They do just the opposite.

False teachers sound as orthodox and Scriptural as possible. And They often promise many spiritual blessings and benefits in their religion.

What is the protection here? Prove all things by the Word of God and reject every false idea (*Psalms 119:128; Acts 17:11; 1Thessalonians 5:21*).

Proverbs 6:25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.

A man's eyes see a woman's beauty in seconds. Thus far there is no sin. But three sinful stages follow that lead to adultery.

1. The eyes linger and move to fascination with the details of her beauty,
2. The heart moves from nobly admiring to hungrily desiring her, and
3. The soul becomes willing to the invitation of her eyes.

These are the three steps to a dysfunctional destroyed life!

The depraved heart of man is polygamous. It is never content. The other woman is always more desirable, just as the forbidden fruit in Eden exceeded all others in appeal.

The Unknown Is Presumed Superior To The Familiar.

The fallen man is vulnerable to a beautiful woman, as the pleasure she embodies exceeds any other in his life. Therefore, wise men must rule their eyes and heart to resist her dangerous beauty and wiles.

Solomon and his wife want to save their son from adultery (*Proverbs 6:20-35*).

So here he gives rules, consequences, and warnings to protect his son from this heinous and horrible sin.

Wise men will consider these things day and night (*Proverbs 6:21-23*).

Wise men consider this, lest they destroy their estate, reputation, and soul by succumbing to her beauty and sinful ways (*Proverbs 6:24-35*).

Sin Follows A Simple Course!

Every man has lusts. When those lusts are given an object and allowed to consider it, they will powerfully entice the man.

The lusts in the heart plan the sin, and the man executes it. Then the sin brings painful consequences and eventual death.

These are the real facts of life that every young man should be taught (*James 1:13-16*)!

The appeal of an attractive woman is incredibly powerful. It destroyed the sons of God and brought the Flood (*Genesis 6:2*).

The appeal of an attractive woman took David down in seconds (*2Samuel 11:2*).

No woman can fully understand the instantaneous draw a beautiful woman has on the soul of a man through his eyes. It is an overpowering object of desire.

Unless he is walking in the Spirit and ruling his spirit. So Christian women must dress modestly (*1Timothy 2:9-10*).

The eyes are windows of the soul; they can express more sometimes than words can tell. Solomon knew of their power (*Song of Solomon 4:9*).

Immodest women paint their faces to accent their eyes, as did Jezebel (*2Kings 9:30*).

Wanton eyes are the tools of whores (*Isaiah 3:16*).

When a woman uses her eyes, to flatter a man and offer herself intimately to him, the most discreet, and powerful enticement a man will ever face, the trap is complete! So Christian women must maintain a look of shamefacedness and sobriety (*1Timothy 2:9-10*).

What are the cures for her beauty and eyelids? Remember the three steps to destroyed life, and provide a defense against each. That is much wisdom!

Solomon knew more about women and their dangers than all men combined.

First, avoid seeing a beautiful woman and moving to fascination, with her by reducing your exposure, to only the necessary.

Take precautions against encountering beautiful women, especially acquaintances. This cure includes colleagues, neighbors, or church members. Jesus said you should be willing to cut off your right hand to avoid her (*Matthew 5:27-30; Romans 13:14*).

When you feel the rising heat, due to a desirable woman, get away quickly while your visual impression is still, noble admiration and virtuous appreciation.

Second, keep your heart with all diligence, so it will not recall the images of her beauty and cause you to play with them by fantasy (*Proverbs 4:23*).

Fill your heart with wisdom, righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come (*Acts 14:25*).

Think about Jesus Christ, heaven, Scripture, and prayer (*Philippians 3:20; Colossians 3:2*).

Daily activities must include self-examination, repentance, and confession (*Psalms 139:23-24*).

Remind yourself of the terrible consequences of sexual sins (*Proverbs 5:1-14*).

Renew the covenant with your eyes (*Job 31:1*).

Thirdly and finally, to avoid her invitations, reject casual social interaction and eye-to-eye contact. The price is too high, the danger too great.

Every man knows which women tempt him; and they cannot be his social companions or correspondents. And this warning includes both looks and conversations.

Remember that phones and email can also carry seduction.

The man who has excited his lusts to a feverish pitch with pornography, unhindered fantasies, or other lascivious practices will not stand a chance! His body and mind craves the first opportunity. The rules of this Proverb are too late; the burning desire for sexual satisfaction turns even average women into objects of lustful desire (*2Peter 2:14*).

If they are weak or wanton, he will go down as certainly as the sheep to the slaughter.

Christian woman, take heed to covering yourself and limit your casual conversation with men, especially if you are attractive.

Christian woman, will never understand the pain and trouble you cause by your physical presence and friendliness. Stay at home; love your husband; dress modestly, hide your eyes; talk to women; hold your children; be merciful and virtuous!

The warning here applies as well to the whorish church of Rome and her harlot daughters (religious cults) (*Proverbs 17:1-6*).

Religious Cults seductively adorn their exteriors to attract men, while covering the base deceit and fraud of their principles. They use their wiles to seduce the simple, without telling them of the hell to come.

They appear attractive and are forward in their invitations, but they are the enemies of Christ. Come out of her (*Revelation 18:4*).

Proverbs 6:26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

What is the fastest way for a man to ruin his life?

Have sex with a woman other than his wife! It will destroy his character, reputation, and wealth faster than anything else.

What kind of a man does an adulteress seek? Not fools or scorners, but rather the man with character,

reputation, and wealth! She knows the pleasure and reward will be greater.

Solomon knew more about women than any ten men. He had 700 wives and 300 concubines (*1Kings 11:1-3*).

Solomon analyzed women carefully and witnessed the cruel results of whorish women on men (*Ecclesiastes 7:26-29*).

Solomon learned the painful lessons of what conniving women could do to a man.

Solomon even witnessed the trouble that adultery brought his own father. When Solomon warns about women, wise men will pay close attention.

This profane generation believes otherwise.

They claim a woman that sleeps around is an exciting woman: she joins men for pleasure without cost or responsibilities.

The profane woman says they need not fear any consequences, because their intimacy is merely casual sex, an accepted means of pleasure in a free society.

They think she is not an adulteress; there is no hunter; and no precious life will be harmed.

**But Let God Be True,
But Every Man A Liar
(Romans 3:4)!**

What is a whorish woman? A woman that acts like a whore, one that has sex outside marriage, whether married or not. Whoredom is sexual intimacy with any man she has not married (*Numbers 5:11-31; Deuteronomy 22:13-21; Hebrew 13:4*).

A whorish woman has a dead conscience and feels no guilt for sexual acts with a stranger (*Proverbs 30:20; Jeremiah 3:3*).

She can only get to this stage by departing from the Lord and filling her soul with evil inputs.

There are prostitutes in every city, but the most dangerous women are those that attend church (*Proverbs 7:6-21*).

These adulteresses create temptations far beyond the street harlots of city slums. Most men can resist the temptation of prostitutes for many reasons, but few can resist the allurements of an attractive and religious woman that has whorish intents by dress, speech, familiarity, and willingness.

It is a horrible thing, that many so-called Christian women are whorish by spirit and conduct, even in the house of God!

How much is a piece of bread worth? About eight cents, which the average man can earn in about fifteen

seconds! But this is the value of a man who has sex with a whorish woman, unless God graciously intervenes. He is ruined!

He spends to buy her favors, flatter himself, cover his sin, buy off judgment, and pay for medical help (*Proverbs 5:10; 6:35*).

Ungodly sex is expensive! The prodigal wasted his inheritance with harlots (*Proverbs 29:3; Luke 15:13, 30*).

Job testified that adultery would destroy him financially (*Job 31:12*).

Losses are not limited to financial losses.

- He also loses his soul (*Proverbs 6:32; 5:11-14*),
- His reputation (*Proverbs 6:33; 5:9*),
- His peace (*Proverbs 6:34; 5:23*),
- His assets (*Proverbs 6:35; 5:10*),
- His relationship with God (*Proverbs 5:20-21; 22:14*),
- His health (*Proverbs 2:17-18; 5:4-5; 7:27; 9:18*),
- His freedom (*Proverbs 2:19; 5:22; 23:27*),
- His wife and family, His job,
- His concentration, His confidence,
- His sexual ability, His strength,
- His Eternal Life: **If** he is truly not saved any hope for heaven (*Revelation 21:8; 22:15*).

Are you a godly and noble man? There are adulteresses hunting for you, as Solomon warned (*Proverbs 23:27-28*).

They hunt for precious lives, because they are less interested in ungodly and profane men. They want the best, as Solomon surely discovered (*1Kings 11:1-3*).

Potiphar's wife did not care for the base Egyptian servants or guards that were always available; she wanted the favored, spiritual, and virtuous Joseph (*Genesis 39:1-12*).

What is the direct, practical lesson? Every man must stay far away from any woman that even tends toward dressing, speaking, or acting like a whore. The danger is too great to play with this horrible danger (*Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-14; 6:20-35; 7:1-5, 24-27; 9:13-18; 22:14; 23:27-28*).

Every man must recognize that adulteresses will be hunting for him, and he must take any and all precautions, no matter how costly or painful they might be (*Matthew 5:28-30*).

What Are The Warning Signs?

Whorish women, even among so-called Christian friends and churches, are always pushing the edge of modesty with their clothing.

They are more concerned with their outward appearance than with a meek and quiet spirit.

They are forward in conversation or body language with men.

They are discontented and unhappy with their husbands and family life.

They care more about the natural than the spiritual parts of their lives.

They are focused on carnal activities, and do not like to stay at home.

What Is The Indirect, Practical Lesson?

Pornography and sexual fantasies can ruin a man just as fast and thoroughly, though avoiding the overt act of fornication with a whore.

The models used for pornography are extremely whorish women.

The man addicted to pornography and sexual fantasies is less than a piece of bread!

These wicked women hunt for precious lives as well, with Satan's assistance, and bring them into hopeless bondage.

What Is The Indirect, Spiritual Lesson?

Spiritual adultery, which is religious compromise in doctrine or practice, is as bad as physical adultery (*Exodus 34:15-16; Leviticus 20:5-6; Judges 2:17; Psalm 73:27; 106:39; Jeremiah 3:6-11; Ezekiel 16:1-59; 2Corinthians 6:14-18*)!

False religion, especially Catholicism, is the whorish woman of spiritual adultery (*Revelation 17:1-6*).

She is the mother of harlot churches. Together these adulteresses reduce saints to a piece of bread, and they hunt precious souls to seduce for Satan (*2Corinthians 11:3-4,13-15; 2Thessalonians 2:9-12*).

Are you totally committed to New Testament doctrine and practice, extracted from influence, and traditions of Rome (*1Timothy 4:1-6*)?

The Lord's call to true saints in the Roman church and her daughters is to come out of her, so they do not partake in her sins or receive of His judgments against her (*Revelation 18:4*).

You must avoid the seduction of false religion as intensely as you should avoid a whorish woman, for your soul and those of your family are at stake.

Proverbs 6:27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

You know the obvious answer to this rhetorical question. It should be an emphatic, No! A man cannot take fire in his bosom and keep his clothes safe. Fire that close to a man's body will not only singe his clothes, it will burn them severely.

It is just as true for a man playing around sexually with another man's wife will burn his life!

Solomon warned his son about the danger of the strange woman, a whorish woman or adulteress (*Proverbs 6:23-35*).

Solomon wanted his son to know that adultery will certainly bring severe consequences, much the same as embracing fire will certainly burn a man's clothes! The sin of adultery will burn your life!

How Does Adultery Burn A Man?

The main point in the warning here is the adulterer's reputation, he will not be innocent, because such a great sin cannot easily be forgiven or overlooked (*Proverbs 6:29*).

Men do not despise a thief, if he steals due to hunger, his crime is understandable, even though he will be punished (*Proverbs 6:30-31*).

Men cannot understand or accept an outsider stealing the prized and personal intimacy of their wives (*Proverbs 6:32-35*).

The Proverb asks a simple question: you know the obvious answer.

A rhetorical question is a powerful tool of persuasive reasoning. You have no doubt as you visualize a man embracing fire in his bosom, his clothes will surely be burned!

The image is to be transferred to adultery, the man holding another man's wife will be burned just as surely! He will suffer severe and sure consequences for violating another man's marriage.

You know the answer to the Proverb, and you know its application. But many lie about this obvious lesson!

Hollywood sells movies by appealing to sexual lusts and fantasies, so they cannot show the consequences of adultery; instead they work it into most every movie they produce.

Hollywood wants you to believe that fire will not burn your clothes!

Hollywood lies! They are directed by the devil to promote sinful lusts!

Hollywood is doing so to fill their covetous purses.

Some psychologists claim an affair can enhance your marriage. The music industry by lifestyle and lyrics propose it as the only exciting love. Soap operas would not exist without it. Romance novels create lustful fantasies for it. Nightclubs create a place to get it started. Euphemisms like "having an affair" or "having a lover" hide its consequences. You are being lied to!

Adultery will hurt you as surely as fire will burn clothes! Run!

**The Greatest Liar About Adultery
Is You!
Your Sinful Heart From Adam.**

If you give, your heart, the least freedom, it will tell you that you can get away with adultery and that the excitement is worth it. Did you know your heart is this wicked (*Jeremiah 17:9*)?

If you do, you are partially protected. **If** you do not, you need to learn it. Then you need to reject everyone or medium that suggests or teaches that adultery is safe. It is not (*Hebrews 13:4*)!

If you have committed adultery, you already know this Proverb is true, unless God has turned you over to a reprobate mind and shut down your conscience (*Romans 1:18-32; Ephesians 4:17-19*).

If you know you are guilty, and **If** you know you have sinned, God can forgive you through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Never forget that He came into this world for sinners, and forgiven harlots made up many of His followers (*1 Timothy 1:15; Matthew 21:31*).

If guilt is crushing you, remember repenting adulterers and adulteresses in the Bible. God forgave David and used Him mightily after adultery with Bathsheba and murder of her husband.

The Lord Jesus Christ accepted harlots into His kingdom, chose the adulteress of Samaria for the gospel in that city, forgave the woman taken in adultery by the Pharisees, and appeared first to Mary Magdalene after His resurrection!

How could He do this? Because He took the sin of adultery on Himself on the cross of Calvary! It will never again burn those who are found in Him (*Isaiah 54:4-12; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11*)!

Proverbs 6:28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?

Here is a beautiful Proverb, short, powerful, wise, memorable. The question is simple; the answer is

simple. No! It is impossible to walk upon hot coals and not burn your feet!

Profane skeptics accuse God of ignorance, but devil-possessed aborigines or modern "fear-conquerors" that protect their feet with numerous safety measures are ignored here. **If** these pagans want to bark against the living God, let us prepare the coals! They will believe! We will introduce them to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego!

The context is fornication, sexual intimacy with other than your spouse (*Proverbs 6:20-35*).

**It Is Impossible To Fornicate
Without Suffering For It!**

The sin of adultery is a heinous crime, and it has horrible and far-reaching consequences (*Proverbs 6:29-35*).

These terrible results cannot be avoided any more than fire will not burn your feet. Be forewarned!

Such a lesson flies in the face of modern wisdom and entertainment. Psychologists today suggest adultery to revive dull marriages, and Hollywood promotes fornication as the most common, natural, and certain pleasure in life.

Sitcoms, advertisements, movies, and serials all teach incessantly that fornication is wonderful and without harmful consequences. What a lie! Satan, (the spirit of Hollywood) wants to take you to hell!

But the Creator has spoken, "*Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge*" (*Hebrews 13:4*).

God created sex and all its associated pleasures, but He designed its maximum enjoyment for a monogamous relationship of one man and one woman committed by marriage covenant before Him.

Samson thought he could walk on coals, but Delilah stole his strength and left him blinded and chained to grind for the Philistines.

David didn't think he would be burned either, but his short rendezvous with Bathsheba cost him dearly for the rest of his life.

Profane Amnon craved his sister, but the event horribly disappointed him and cost him his life!

Joseph is our hero, for when he saw and felt the fire, he ran as far and as fast as he could. He knew that even though she greatly desired him, there would be hell to pay with God and men.

Joseph chose the certainty of false accusations rather than the lying promise of stolen pleasure. He knew he would be burned if he stayed, so he ran from the fire.

The rule is simple: **If** you play with fire, you will get burned. Moses said, *"Be sure your sin will find you out"* (**Numbers 32:23**).

Do not lie to yourself. God will not be mocked.

If you compromise His rules, especially in sexual sins, you will suffer for it. There may be short-term pleasure in sin (**Hebrews 11:25**).

The long-term consequences, of this sin, crush and grind that little pleasure into oblivion.

You will never remember the pleasure when the horrible consequences of your folly burst into flames. Then it is too late to turn back! You are scarred! You have wrecked relationships! Your reputation is ruined!

Your enemies have claims against you! Former friends hate you! Your soul is defiled! And the woman's husband cannot be appeased no matter what you do! See **Proverbs 6:29-35**.

Are you playing with fire? Pornography? Romance novels? Lustful thoughts? Marital discontentment? A relationship with the other sex that warms more than your spirit? Each of these sins is playing with fire. You will be burned. Repent!

How do parents keep children from getting burned? They make them stay far away from fire. And our Heavenly Father does the same. He says, *"Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away"* (**Proverbs 4:15**).

Solomon warns against lust in your heart and the sight of your eyes (**Proverbs 6:25**).

Fear of this great danger will not allow television, music, books, magazines, Internet chat rooms, or any other temptation that could start a fire.

Matches cause little damage, but it is the fire they kindle that can burn everything in its path; so we keep matches from our children.

Paul, who knew the burning danger of concupiscence sexual desires (**Romans 7:8**).

Paul told us to avoid even the possibility of a fire (**Romans 13:14**). We do this by staying away from even those things that might start a fire!

Ignore this simple lesson at your peril. Fire burns; burns are horribly painful; and they leave ugly and miserable scars. Get away now, before it is too late!

Throw away all the sexual matches and lighter fluid in your house! Get all combustible material outside! Stay far away from any person who tempts your heart or anything that could lead you to sin!

If you are single, seek a godly spouse by wise means (**1Corinthians 7:2, 9**).

If you are married, build the intimate part of your marriage and kill any discontentment or bitterness (**1Corinthians 7:3-5; Colossians 3:19; Proverbs 5:19**).

The danger here, in our degenerate society, is great! Make sure you are using God's primary means to avoid this temptation and its consequences.

Pray to the Lord, *"Lead us not into temptation."* For who can resist the power of this temptation? Only by the power, of the Holy Spirit, can we hope to walk in sexual integrity before the Lord.

Our heart contains thirteen defilements that can manifest outwardly to defile us (**Mark 7:20-23**).

The churches of Jesus Christ, must reject the embrace of the world. For it is impossible to enjoy lying pleasures without divine jealousy and judgment burning us up (**Hebrews 10:30-31; 12:28-29**).

Proverbs 6:29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.

Adultery is a heinous sin. It brings terrible consequences. You can no more escape its results than a man can hold fire or walk on coals and not be burned (**Proverbs 6:27-28**).

Do not try to whitewash it. You think you can justify it? You think you can explain it? You think it is not that bad? How can something so mutually pleasant be wrong? Keep reading!

Solomon warned his son about the dangers of adultery (**Proverbs 6:20-35**).

Sexual sins are one of the greatest threats to a man's success, Solomon warned his son often (**Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-23; 6:20-35; 7:1-27; 9:13-18; 22:14; 23:27-28; Ecclesiastes 7:23-29**).

The consequences include ruined reputation (**Proverbs 5:9; 6:33**),

The consequences include poverty (**Proverbs 5:10**),

The consequences include guilt (**Proverbs 5:11-14**),

The consequences include illegitimate children (**Proverbs 5:16-18**),

The consequences include sexual bondage (*Proverbs 5:22; 22:14*).

The consequences include an angry and jealous husband (*Proverbs 6:34-35*).

Should we use popular euphemisms like "an affair," "casual sex," or "partying"? No! It is a heinous sin and a capital crime in the eyes of God (*Job 31:9-11; Leviticus 20:10*).

God hates it and will judge it, no matter what Hollywood, the ACLU, or CNN, thinks about it (*Hebrews 13:4; Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8*).

Men can understand a thief at times, but not an adulterer (*Proverbs 6:30-33*).

The World Defends Glamorizes Adultery Making It Easier To Commit

Your heart is full of adultery by nature (*Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 15:17-20; Romans 7:8; Ephesians 4:17-19; 1John 2:16*).

You are incredibly vulnerable to your heart temptations. The initial motions of it are very pleasant to your flesh.

The devil would love to entice you into this destructive sin (*1Peter 5:8-9*).

How Will You Resist This Conspiracy And Barrage Of Temptations?

The Holy Spirit provided the cure earlier (*Proverbs 6:20-25*).

Young men must obey parents (*Proverbs 6:20-23; 7:1-5*).

Young men must avoid any loose woman, especially her flattery (*Proverbs 6:24; 5:3*).

Young men must not think about her beauty or look at her wanton glances (*Proverbs 6:25; Isaiah 3:16*).

Parents must keep their sons from worldly women, and the sons must flee (*Proverbs 5:8; Genesis 39:11-12; 2Timothy 2:22*).

The Simple Cure Is To Stay Away Far Away!

God required capital punishment for it, because: It reveals a wicked heart, and it destroys marriages and families (*Deuteronomy 22:22; Job 31:1, 12*).

Adultery violates a sacred trust. Men and women cannot easily forgive it.

The Lord allowed jealous husbands to test wives (*Numbers 5:11-31*).

Are you glad such tests no longer exist? Think again (*Numbers 32:23*).

Have you committed adultery? Including fantasies and wrongful divorces, all are guilty (*Matthew 5:27-32*).

What can you do? Repent, confess it to God, and reject anything in your life pertaining to it. God can and will forgive (*Proverbs 28:13; Job 33:27-28; Mark 16:9; 1John 1:9*).

Proverbs 6:30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

Some sins are understandable, if not forgivable. Adultery is not one of them.

A hungry man who steals food to survive has not committed a despicable crime, even though he must pay dearly for his theft.

But adultery is a despicable crime, which cannot truly be understood. Regardless of the excuses offered for it, adultery cannot be justified at all.

Solomon and his wife warned their son against whorish women and adultery (*Proverbs 6:20-35*).

One argument was the heinousness of this sin, which makes it unlike other sins (*Proverbs 6:29-33; Job 31:9-12*).

Adultery, is such a deep and severe violation, of the marriage relationship, that violated men naturally have no mercy for the adulterer (*Proverbs 6:33-34*).

Solomon compared stealing food in order to eat with stealing a man's wife for illicit pleasure. There is no comparison.

Hunger is a powerful drive, and food is necessary to sustain life. Men can understand if a thief steals food to satisfy his hunger. But even though they understand his necessity, they will still require that he make full restitution (*Proverbs 6:31*).

Of Course This Was When True Justice Reigned Not Like Our Generation

Circumstances partially excuse some sins, like stealing food to survive (*Proverbs 30:7-9*).

It still violates the eighth commandment, so it is a sin and crime, deserving punishment.

The hungry man should have begged, borrowed, or gleaned, rather than take his neighbor's property. He should have sold assets to obtain food. Since he did not, he had to face justice and repay the theft seven times, even if the sentence ruined him financially (**Proverbs 6:31**).

If stealing food to keep from starving is punished so severely, even though men do not consider it a despicable crime, how severe should the punishment be for adultery, which is very despicable and cannot be explained or justified at all?

The argument is powerful! Adultery is a terrible sin that cannot be covered or forgiven or understood (**Proverbs 6:26-35**).

Stay far away from adultery, lest you defile your soul and reputation permanently.

What does Hollywood say? They say it is a glamorous part of life; everyone is doing it; and its pleasure far exceeds marital love!

What do our courts say? They say it is no longer a crime at all, even if you pervert nature and use the spouse of your sex!

What do psychologists say? They say it may improve marriages and spark romantic renewal!

What does God say? He says it is a capital offence worthy of death! And unless Jesus intervenes to save them by His justifying death, not one adulterer will be in heaven (**Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22-24; 2Samuel 12:13; John 8:1-11; Revelation 21:8**).

Proverbs 6:31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Stealing is a crime, even if to obtain food when hungry. A man can beg or borrow food, if he has an emergency.

Though men do not despise a thief for stealing food due to hunger, they will still punish him to the full extent of the law for violating the property rights of another (**Proverbs 6:30**).

If he was too proud to beg or borrow, then he will be reduced to servitude to restore the stolen goods and proper compensation to their rightful owner.

This Proverb is part of Solomon's condemnation of adultery, for there is no justification for that heinous crime (**Proverbs 6:27-35**).

Men may understand stealing due to hunger, but they will still require full restoration.

Adultery Cannot Be Understood!

Adultery cannot be undone with any amount of payment, and men do not understand such a criminal act, for it violates a man's most intimate possession without any possibility of restoration.

Cavemen did not dream up property rights or the protection of property. The LORD of Israel laid down the law by writing in stone, "*Thou shalt not steal*" (**Exodus 20:15; Deuteronomy 5:19**).

When found, thieves had to restore the stolen goods and compensatory goods to the extent of two to seven times the stolen amount (**Exodus 22:1-15**).

If the thief could not pay, he was sold into slavery to clear his debts. So much for debtor's prisons!

How far did God's laws go to protect property rights?

If you found a thief in your house, you had the right to use lethal force and kill him. God understood the value of security at night and the rush of adrenalin at the intrusion of a thief in your house.

If you found the thief selling your stuff the next day at a flea market, you could not exact physical revenge on him. He was merely to restore your property (**Exodus 22:2-3**).

Such restitution would reduce a nation's prisons. **If** a thief cannot pay, sell him as a slave in the private sector. Thieves would not "pay their debt to society" by living in a warm dormitory, eating three meals a day, having proper clothes, and playing cards. They would quickly learn the value of property and freedom without any expense to taxpayers.

Property rights are not an idea of capitalism. They are God's will. He protects your possessions from others, who by envy or greed covet what is not theirs. **If** you know this, then take care to protect others' property, even more than your own (**Genesis 31:39**).

Do you understand that adultery is much worse, for the damage done cannot be restored, and the loss is far greater?

So God required capital punishment for a sin that today is glamorized and protected (**Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22-24; Job 31:9-12; Hebrews 13:4**).

Proverbs 6:32 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

Adultery

Is Self-Destructive Insanity!

While stealing due to hunger can be understood, though the theft must be repaid, adultery cannot be understood (**Proverbs 6:30-31**).

There is no necessity or pressing circumstances for this heinous crime, though the temptation may be great.

Adultery involves, a much worse violation upon others than merely taking some food; and it blots a reputation and deserves punishment, that cannot be appeased by any payment.

Solomon and his wife, taught and warned their son, about the horrible danger of strange women (**Proverbs 6:20-35**).

Whorish women, whether prostitutes, fornicators, or adulteresses, pose one of the greatest threats to the lives and souls of men, especially young men. These two devoted parents plainly and forcefully condemned this depraved crime for their sons safety.

The context drives the interpretation. Stealing to satisfy hunger is one thing. Such a man destroys his soul by destroying his reputation and sacrificing his very life, not just his assets!

There is no understanding of this offence; there is no way to undo it; there is no repayment. It is a sin to be punished (**Job 31:9-12**).

The contrast between stealing for survival and adultery is valuable.

Adultery has no necessity and thus shows a brutish and profane spirit; it proves a lack of understanding.

Though stealing required extensive restitution in God's law, adultery was a capital crime in God's judgment. The reproach lasts much longer, even indefinitely, as it does to this day for David.

Stolen goods may be repaid, but there is no way to repay stolen pleasures. No ransom or gift can compensate for adultery.

The Proverb is a general rule: a severe warning to Solomon's son, without qualifications or exceptions, which would only dilute the force of the lesson. Solomon knew how his father and mother had met, in an adulterous bed.

The man after God's own heart before and after, David had showed a total lack of judgment, David became bondage to his base and unrestrained lusts, and David fell to the desperate measures of a murderer to cover his shameful crime.

Though forgiven by God and men, and empowered to continue in his offices, David had the stigma of this sin on his life from that day until now.

David, though repenting, with some of the deepest grief recorded in all of Scripture, David endured chastening from God in various forms for the rest of his life.

David, though never repeating the sin, the one event likely corrupted the morals of several children i.e. Amnon, Absalom, Adonijah, and Solomon.

God's wisdom conveyed by this Proverb makes adultery a terrible sin with horrible consequences. But the world glamorizes it through the entertainment media and by the lifestyles of those in the public eye.

The civil government, rather than being the judge and executioner for such crimes, ignores it altogether. Churches, rather than identifying and excluding such offenders, preach a frothy brand of forgiveness and look the other way.

Therefore, it is wisdom to hate this sin. It is wisdom to avoid any thing that tempts you to commit this crime. It is wisdom to never let the world, the flesh or the devil break down your resistance by novels, soundtracks, or enticing dramas.

Proverbs 6:33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

Adultery should bring death. But if not, it brings reproach and shame in most societies. (**Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22**)

Adultery cannot be defended, excused, explained, justified, or rationalized. It is a heinous crime to be punished by judges (**Job 31:9-10**).

It is an unreasonable offence others cannot understand (**Proverbs 6:30-32**).

Solomon knew adultery was a threat to his son and a tempting and destructive sin of his nation. He had witnessed its effects in his own family (**2Samuel 11-13**).

Solomon condemned it every way he could. He despised it for its bondage, destroyed families, disease, expense, illegitimate children, ruined reputations, revengeful spouses, death, and hell.

This long condemnation of adultery has two main arguments (**Proverbs 6:20-35**).

First, because it is indefensible and irrational, men will not excuse it, so it ruins reputations (**Proverbs 6:26-33**).

Second, because it cannot be justified or explained, it is impossible to appease rightfully jealous husbands (*Proverbs 6:34-35*).

Here are two more arguments to despise adultery: A wound and dishonor.

What is the wound? Punishment by the magistrate, society, or violated husband (*Proverbs 6:30-35*)!

All are under consideration by way of context. While the thief could redeem himself by restitution, the adulterer can do nothing to undo his sin in the least degree.

What is the dishonor? A man's character, life, name, and reputation are disgraced and shamed. For this reason adultery is profanely wicked and should be rejected at all costs.

What is the reproach? The scandal and stigma of a sin that declares a lack of understanding! It cannot be wiped away, because there is no restitution or explanation.

Compare God's wisdom and sin's folly. Hollywood encourages and glamorizes adultery, while God's Word condemns it as an insane and profane act. Which will you believe and obey?

Do not overlook the death and hell under the sheets (*Proverbs 2:18; 5:5; 9:18*).

Is there hope for adulterers? Yes, for repentant ones!

God wounded His only begotten Son for adulterers (*Isaiah 53:5*).

Jesus Christ was despised and rejected of God and men for adulterers (*Isaiah 53:3-4*).

Jesus Christ also became a reproach for adulterers (*Psalms 22:6; 69:20*)!

Because of His sacrifice and suffering for adulterers, David and Mary and others like them can find forgiveness, peace, and restoration with God and men. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Proverbs 6:34 For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

Marriage is an intimate and sacred relationship. Adultery is a horrible violation of this relationship.

Jealous rage and unmerciful vengeance are natural consequences of this heinous sin. Solomon soberly warns all men of this further trouble for touching another man's wife.

Solomon is at the end of a lengthy warning to his son against adultery (*Proverbs 6:20-35*).

He adds a practical argument that the husband of the woman will be outraged at the offence.

Not only does divine justice condemn the horrible sin, so do the laws of men and nature.

Marriage is a very personal, intimate, and possessive relationship. A violation of it causes enormous pain and loss.

For this reason, God made capital punishment the judgment for this sin. Both the adulterer and adulteress were put to death (*Leviticus 20:10*).

Marital jealousy, is generally not sin; it is part of love and possession. Marriage is based on love and possession.

Love includes jealousy. Solomon said, "*Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame*" (*Song of Solomon 8:6*).

Envy is horrible. It is worse than anger or wrath (*Proverbs 27:4*).

A man does not want to share his wife's body or heart. When another man takes either, the envy is outrageous. A thief may find mercy from men, but not the adulterer (*Proverbs 6:30-33*).

The perfect law of God provided for jealous husbands (*Numbers 5:11-31*).

If a man had any jealous worries about his wife, he could take her to the priests, for the test of jealousy.

If she were guilty, the prescribed potion would cause her to rot on the spot, beginning at her genitals.

If she were innocent, she would be cleared by divine revelation and conceive.

The LORD, espousing Israel to be His bride, declared His name was Jealous, and He was a jealous God (*Exodus 34:14*).

The first commandment is for us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and might (*Deuteronomy 6:4-5*).

Any infatuation with other things caused His jealousy to burn. The Lord will not share our affections with another (*Deuteronomy 32:16; Psalm 78:58*).

The Lord Jesus Christ is our bridegroom: He demands our total affection (*Luke 14:26*).

All other relationships must be sacrificed. If they conflict with our love for Him. He considers any friendship with the world as spiritual adultery against Him (*James 4:4*).

**Let This Understanding
Keep Us Trembling Before Him
With Pure And Single Hearts**

Proverbs 6:35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

You can buy or talk your way out of many offences, but you cannot easily buy or talk your way out of adultery.

Solomon warned his son against adultery by describing the rage of a jealous husband (*Proverbs 6:20-35*).

Solomon used several arguments to warn his children, especially his son, about the heinous sin of adultery (*Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-23; 6:20-29; 7:1-27; 9:13-18; 22:14; 23:27-28; 30:20; Ecclesiastes 7:26*).

But in this chapter he threatened his son with the danger of an angry husband (*Proverbs 6:30-35*).

For men to live holy lives, they need to remember this sober warning, along with Solomon's other arguments, about the folly of adultery (*Proverbs 6:20-24*).

It is for this reason that David wrote, "*Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word*" (*Psalms 119:9*).

A man's wife is his most prized possession, his most intimate friend, and his most secure ally. The marriage bed is the sacred place of his dearest pleasures with her. Her body and the unique union with it that lovemaking creates is his most personal privilege.

When a stranger intrudes into that sacred relationship and takes from his wife what belongs only to him, such a profane and violent act cannot be explained or undone in any way.

While Christian men may be able to forgive this offence in some measure, Solomon used the natural reaction of men, to this heinous crime, to sober his son against ever thinking about it.

Though a godly man is deeply indebted to forgive others as God forgave him (*Matthew 18:21-35*), God saved men from having to do so, in His economy by legislating capital punishment for both the adulterer and the adulteress (*Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22*).

Son, reject all thoughts about any woman you have not married (*Job 31:1; Matthew 5:28; James 1:14*).

Avoid any medium or situation where you can see beautiful or whorish women (*Proverbs 5:8; 7:8; Judges 14:1; 2Samuel 11:2; Romans 13:13-14*).

There is more than marital adultery. You can befriend this world, its people, philosophies, and lifestyles, and commit adultery against God.

God saves His children to be only His (*Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 6:24; James 4:4; 11:1-4*).

The jealous God. Who does not take kindly at all to flirting or sleeping with His enemies (*Exodus 34:10-17; Ezekiel 16:35-43*).

What are the best rules to avoid spiritual adultery against God?

Keep your heart thinking in His Word alone by rejecting the teaching and traditions of this profane world and its religions (*Psalms 119:128; Isaiah 8:20; 1Timothy 6:3-5, 20-21*).