

Lessons in Proverbs -- Skill in Living

Proverbs 6 – Key Ideas

Read the whole chapter aloud.

6:1-5

To whom is Solomon writing? vs. 1

What is Solomon warning his son about? Vs. 2

What do words have to do with this problem?

What does Solomon say his son must do to solve this problem? Vs 3

How quickly should his son fix this problem? Vs. 4

How does the hunting analogy relate to this problem? Vs. 5

6:6-11

What is a “sluggard”? vs. 6

What is the answer to this problem? Vs. 6

What is the meaning of the fact that the ant has no captain, overseer or ruler? Vs. 7

What should the son learn from the ant’s example? Vs. 8

What does sleep have to do with this problem? Vs. 9

Why does Solomon address this problem with a question?

What is the result of a little sleep? Vss. 10-11

A little sleep produces a big _____.

6:12-19

What four things does a wicked person do? Vss. 12-13

From where does wickedness come? Vs. 14

What happens to the person described in vss. 12-14?

What six things does God hate? Vss. 15-20

Explain what God hates about these six things.

6:20-35

What is the one subject that Solomon talks about in the rest of the chapter?

What is the command of the father and the law of the mother? Vs. 20

What should one do who never had a father or mother to teach him/her these things?

Who is the ultimate father and mother?

What does he mean by “bind them continually” and “tie them around”? vs. 21

What does the heart have to do with this? The neck?

How does God’s law protect you when you “roam,” “sleep” and “awake”? vs. 22

What does he mean by “lamp,” “light” and “way of life”? vs. 23

What does “reproof” mean?

What does this say to the person who says, “No one tells me what to do?”

What is the focus of the commands of a good father and mother? Vs. 24

What is a “seductress”? What is her “tool”? Vs. 24

What other “tools” does the seductress use? Vs. 25

What other word does Solomon use for seductress? Vs. 26

What happens to the person who allows her tools to work?

What is alluring (vss. 25-26) is really what? Vs. 27

How certain is this?

What other analogy does he use? Vs. 28

How certain is this?

Which one of the Ten Commandments does he break? Vs. 29

How “innocent” is this?

Can a thief be forgiven by other men? Vss. 30-31

How is a thief forgiven by other men?

Can an adulterer be forgiven by other men? Vss. 32-25

What does the adulterer destroy? Vs. 32b

How long does the dishonor of adultery last in this life? Vs. 33

What else besides dishonor comes to the adulterer? Vs. 34

What can appease the anger of an offended husband? Vs. 35

Law: What does this chapter say to us about God’s holy law?

What is the adulterer’s only hope?

Where does the law drive us? Romans 5:20a

Gospel: What does the gospel say to one who has broken God’s law?

Romans 5:20b

²⁰ **Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound.**

But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, (Rom. 5:20 NKJ)

Can a person who has committed adultery be clean?

⁷ **But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

⁸ **If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

⁹ **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

¹⁰ **If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us (1 Jn. 1:7-10 NKJ)**

<p>NKJ Proverbs 6:1 My son, if you become surety for your friend, <i>If</i> you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger, ² You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth. ³ So do this, my son, and deliver yourself; For you have come into the hand of your friend: Go and humble yourself; Plead with your friend.</p> <p>⁴ Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your eyelids. ⁵ Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand <i>of the hunter</i>, And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.</p> <p>⁶ Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise,</p> <p>⁷ Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, ⁸ Provides her supplies in the summer, <i>And</i> gathers her food in the harvest. ⁹ How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep?</p> <p>¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep-- ¹¹ So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.</p> <p>¹² A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth; ¹³ He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers; ¹⁴ Perversity <i>is</i> in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord. ¹⁵ Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly;</p>	<p>NIRV Proverbs 6:1 My son, don't put up money for what your neighbor owes. Don't agree to pay up for someone else. ² Don't be trapped by what you have said. Don't be caught by the words of your mouth. ³ Instead, my son, do something to free yourself. Don't fall into your neighbor's hands. Don't be proud. Hurry and make your appeal to your neighbor. ⁴ Don't let your eyes go to sleep. Don't let your eyelids close. ⁵ As a deer frees itself from a hunter, free yourself. As a bird frees itself from a trapper, free yourself. ⁶ You people who don't want to work, think about the ant! Consider its ways and be wise! ⁷ It has no commander. It has no leader or ruler. ⁸ But it stores up its food in summer. It gathers its food at harvest time. ⁹ You lazy people, how long will you lie there? When will you get up from your sleep? ¹⁰ You might sleep a little or take a little nap. You might even fold your hands and rest. ¹¹ Then you would be poor, as if someone had robbed you. You would have little, as if someone had stolen from you. ¹² A worthless and evil man goes around saying twisted things with his mouth. ¹³ He winks with his eyes. He makes signals with his feet. He motions with his fingers. ¹⁴ His plans are evil. He has lies in his heart. He is always stirring up fights.</p>
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<p>Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.</p> <p>¹⁶ These six <i>things</i> the LORD hates, Yes, seven <i>are</i> an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,</p> <p>¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, ¹⁹ A false witness <i>who</i> speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren. ²⁰ My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. ²¹ Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. ²² When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And <i>when</i> you awake, they will speak with you. ²³ For the commandment <i>is</i> a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction <i>are</i> the way of life,</p> <p>²⁴ To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.</p> <p>²⁵ Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids. ²⁶ For by means of a harlot A <i>man is reduced</i> to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life. ²⁷ Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned? ²⁸ Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared? ²⁹ So <i>is</i> he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.</p> <p>³⁰ <i>People</i> do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving. ³¹ Yet <i>when</i> he is found, he must restore sevenfold;</p>	<p>¹⁵ Trouble will catch up with him in an instant. He will suddenly be destroyed. Nothing can save him. ¹⁶ There are six things the LORD hates. In fact, he hates seven things. ¹⁷ The LORD hates proud eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that kill those who aren't guilty. ¹⁸ He also hates hearts that make evil plans, feet that are quick to do evil, ¹⁹ any witness who pours out lies, and anyone who stirs up family fights. ²⁰ My son, keep your father's commands. Don't turn away from your mother's teaching. ²¹ Tie them to your heart forever. Put them around your neck. ²² When you walk, they will guide you. When you sleep, they will watch over you. When you wake up, they will speak to you.</p> <p>²³ Your father's commands are like a lamp. Your mother's teaching is like a light. And the training that corrects you leads to life. ²⁴ It keeps you from a sinful woman. It keeps you from the smooth tongue of a woman who commits adultery. ²⁵ Don't hunger in your heart after her beauty. Don't let her eyes capture you. ²⁶ A prostitute leaves you with only a loaf of bread. Another man's wife hunts your very life.</p> <p>²⁷ You can't shovel fire into your lap without burning your clothes. ²⁸ You can't walk on hot coals without burning your feet. ²⁹ It's the same for anyone who has sex with another man's wife. Anyone who touches her will be punished. ³⁰ People don't hate a thief who steals to fill his empty stomach. ³¹ But when he is caught, he must pay seven times as much as he stole.</p>
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<p>He may have to give up all the substance of his house.</p> <p>³² Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He <i>who</i> does so destroys his own soul.</p> <p>³³ Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach will not be wiped away.</p> <p>³⁴ For jealousy <i>is</i> a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.</p> <p>³⁵ He will accept no recompense, Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts. (Prov. 6:1-35 NKJ)</p>	<p>It may even cost him everything he has.</p> <p>³² A man who commits adultery has no sense. Anyone who does it destroys himself.</p> <p>³³ He will be beaten up and dishonored. His shame will never be wiped away.</p> <p>³⁴ Jealousy stirs up a husband's anger. He will show no mercy when he gets even.</p> <p>³⁵ He won't accept any payment. He won't take any money, no matter how much he is offered. (Prov. 6:1-35 NIRV)</p>
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