

## Proverbs 6: Trapped Vs. Free

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**Proverbs** – Solomon the wise vs Solomon the foolish

“Lord, teach me.”

Teacher vs Student

**Divine Wisdom:** “The right use or exercise of truth that comes from God and His unlimited scope of knowledge so that we can live skillful, disciplined lives that honor God. This requires a relationship based upon trust and obedience as a result of a deep love for God.”

*As we continue in our study of Proverbs let us be sure to see & hear through the lens of faith in God through His Son, Jesus Christ.*

### Proverbs 6: 1-5 – Trapped by the Imposer

- Friend, neighbor, acquaintance
- Saying ‘yes’ before seeking God’s counsel
- When to say ‘no’

Why do we say ‘yes’ to ‘giving’ of ourselves?

- Guilt
- For others to see
- Truly pure heart

We are doing a disservice to God, His ministries and His people by only giving or only doing because we want to ‘feel good or look righteous.’

Our \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ must always be given according to what God desires for us and out of a sincere \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for what God has done FOR us.

Psalm 19:14

### Proverbs 6: 6-11 – Trapped in Laziness

Webster’s definition of Laziness: the quality of being \_\_\_\_\_ to work or use energy; \_\_\_\_\_.

- Compare to ant : gather food, procreate, work in teams, build a home.
- Ants do what they were designed to do. No choices to be made

Why are we told NOT to be lazy? Our sin nature is rooted in self.

Laziness is a \_\_\_\_\_ that steals the \_\_\_\_\_ of hard work rewarded and gives the enemy a \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

- Proverbs 31:27, Proverbs 16:37

### Proverbs 6: 12-15 – Trapped by Wickedness

The wicked man: \_\_\_\_\_ with a perverse mouth. Winks with his eyes. Shuffles his feet. \_\_\_\_\_ with his fingers. \_\_\_\_\_ evil continually. \_\_\_\_\_ discord.

Nabal & Abigail: Wicked vs Kind, Selfish vs Selfless

Nabal: rich in \_\_\_\_\_ vs morally bankrupt

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Abigail reminds David of God's promise to him. So, David \_\_\_\_\_ what Abigail has to say, \_\_\_\_\_ what she has said, and \_\_\_\_\_ it to his decision to NOT take out Nabal.

Wickedness does NOT go \_\_\_\_\_.

*2 Timothy 4:2 – Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.*

*Prov 1:7* The fear of the Lord is the \_\_\_\_\_ of knowledge, but fools despise \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Proverbs 6: 16-19 – 7 Abominations to the Lord

- Eyes, mouth, hands, feet all beginning with the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Proud look; \_\_\_\_\_ tongue; hands that \_\_\_\_\_; heart devises wicked plans; feet that run to \_\_\_\_\_.
- *Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.*

### Proverbs 6: 20-23 – How to Treat Instruction/Law/Father's Commands

- Keep, do not \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ them upon your heart, \_\_\_\_\_ them around your neck.

Why?

- They will lead you, keep you, speak to you.
- Lamp – commandment; Light – law

Jeremiah 29:13, Ps 119:105; John 8:12; Ps 16:8-9; Matt 5:14-16

### Proverbs 6:24-25 – Trappings of the Seductress

- Guarding our behavior, thought life, choice of friends & activities
- Avoiding the flattering tongue
- Shutting down the lust of the flesh

### Proverbs 6:26-29 – Consequences/Results of entrapment

### Proverbs 6:30-35 – 2 Thieves Trapped, only 1 is Freed

- The man trapped in adultery compared to a thief
- Thief (stealing food) vs Thief (stealing flesh)
- Restitution vs None – chose to throw it all away

*Psalms 103:12 ...as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

**Final Exhortation:** Don't be like the foolish man:

*Isaiah 30:15 – "In repentance and rest you will be saved, in quietness and trust is your strength. But you were not willing."*

Instead, be like the woman described in

*Proverbs 31:26 - "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness."*