

PROVERBS 6 - Dangerous Promises; Beware of Adultery!

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Practical Warnings

Pro 6:1 My son, if you become surety (guarantor, co-signer, an enabler) for your friend, If you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,

- Now in those days, in that culture when you made a deal, you would strike hands. It is sort of like in our culture we say, “Okay, shake on it. It is a deal. Shake on it.” It is sort of a bond, the way that you would seal the deal.
- Now today in Israel, if you go on Friday mornings to the sheep market, which is just outside of the city wall, across the street from the Rockefeller Museum. There in the sheep market, you will see the Bedouins bringing in their sheep on Friday morning. It is quite a sight to behold! It is fascinating to watch. You will see them as, as they are then bargaining. Their sheep are for sale. A guy comes up, and he feels it, and tests the wool, and looks at its eyes, and teeth and everything else. Then they talk and then they get louder and louder, and then they start yelling at each other. You are waiting for them to draw their daggers, and really start going at it! But when they get to the height of this frenzy, yelling at each other, then you will see them slap their hands. The one guy reaches in his pocket, and pays the other guy, and takes the sheep and goes. But the striking of the hands is, “We made a deal.” So, the warning of course is, is being a guarantor for a friend.
- You know a lot of good friendships have been destroyed, by the fact that someone was surety for a friend. He is warning against that.

Pro 6:2 You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth.

Pro 6:3 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.

- How many times has a person been trapped by his own words? *You are taken by the words of your mouth. So do this, my son, and deliver yourself.* If you are in that position, go get free from it.
- *For you have come into the hand of your friend: Go and humble yourself; Plead with your friend.* Make your friendship sure. Just humble yourself, say, “I made a mistake. Get my name off of that. I am sorry, I cannot do that.”

Pro 6:4 Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your eyelids (until things are settled).

Pro 6:5 Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

- He’s going to deal now with laziness. In *1 Kings, chapter five*, when it tells about the wisdom that God gave to Solomon, as he, as he prayed, “God grant unto me wisdom.” It says that he wrote three thousand proverbs, and he also wrote books, and lectured on the subjects of zoology, biology, and many of the life sciences. People would come to hear him talk about plants and talk about animals and insects and things like that. So, he had a very keen interest in nature, and a great understanding of nature. He was an observer of various life forms.

Pro 6:6 Go to the ant, you sluggard (slow, slimy, lazy man)! Consider her ways and be wise,

- Now as we progress in the Proverbs, he’s going to talk about three things on the earth that are small, but yet are exceedingly wise. The ant is one of those three things. Very small, talk about miniaturization! Can you imagine how small the ant brain must be? Yet it is very wise! You can learn a lot from ants. That is why a lot of people have little ant villages, watching them. You can just learn a lot from watching ants.

Pro 6:7 Which, having no captain (foreman), Overseer or ruler,

Pro 6:8 Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest.

- They know that there is that time for the gathering of the food. An ant cannot swim, it cannot cross water. Once it starts raining, an ant has to stay inside. It lays up its food, while it is still summertime, harvest time. Note their wisdom and hard work!

Pro 6:9 How long will you slumber, O sluggard (lazy man)? When will you rise from your sleep?

Pro 6:10 A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands (unmotivated) to sleep—

Pro 6:11 So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

- Just a little laziness, “Just, I’ll just take another half hour,” brings to poverty.

Pro 6:12 A worthless (naughty, con man) person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth;

- Now he turns to that wicked person who speaks with that brash, perverse mouth.

Pro 6:13 *He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers* (you have seen them);

Pro 6:14 *Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil (mischief) continually, He sows discord.*

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

Pro 6:16 *These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:*

- If God hates something, I do not want to be doing it. That is wisdom. Not to do things that God hates. He gives us a list here of seven things that God hates.

Pro 6:17 *A proud look (ever guilty of that?) A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,*

Pro 6:18 *A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,*

Pro 6:19 *A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.*

- Those who would come in and sow seeds of discord. They, they will come to you and say, “Do you know what someone is saying about you? They told me that you did this, and you did that,” and they are just baiting you. They are just wanting you to say, “Ah they are just crazy! You do not listen to them. Don’t you know that they are this, and they are that?” Then what do they do? They run back right to the other person, “Do you know what he said about you? Said you are crazy...,” and they love to just get things boiling. They are happy when the pots are just churning, and they will do their best to just get people at odds with each other. They, they sow discord among the brethren. God hates that, along with these other things.

Warnings Against Adultery

Pro 6:20 *My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother.*

Pro 6:21 *Bind them* (word of God) *continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck.*

Pro 6:22 *When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you.*

Pro 6:23 *For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light* (in this dark world); *Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,*

- (Psa 119:105) *Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.*
- Now keep these commandments, do not forsake them.
- *The reproofs of instruction are the way of life.* The purpose of the commandments are not to restrain or to restrict, but they are to give life!

Pro 6:24 *To keep you from the evil woman* (broadest subject in these early chapter), *From the flattering tongue of a seductress.*

- We get to that woman again. He comes back to her quite often. But the commandments dealt with messing around. “*To keep you from the evil woman.*”
- *From the flattering tongue of a seductress.* Many of these women are very beautiful, having learned to use that beauty to their own profit. But do not lust after their beauty.
- Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, as He was contrasting the law as it had been taught by the Pharisees, and as it was intended by God, showing that the Pharisees were wrong in interpreting the law as only a restriction to the actual activity itself. Where God was seeking to put the restraints upon the attitudes that brought the activities. How that you could sin in your heart, without ever moving a hand.
- One of the contrasts that Jesus gave, was on the subject of adultery, and the law concerning adultery. “You have heard that it has been said, Thou shall not commit adultery. But I say unto you, that whoever looks upon a woman, and lusts after her in his heart, has already committed adultery.” It’s something that you’ve done in your mind, in your heart, and the desire, that lusting or desiring in your heart, is tantamount to actually committing adultery.

Pro 6:25 *Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.*

- He is warning against her alluring eyelids. They are probably false anyhow! But here is the decisive factor. This you can see evidence and proof all around

Pro 6:26 *For by means of a harlot A man is reduced to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey (stalk) upon his precious life.*

- A whorish woman has destroyed many ministers and their ministries. They will bring a man to a crust of bread. They can destroy everything that is valuable and worthwhile in your life. They can destroy your

relationship with your wife. It can destroy the confidence, and the admiration of your children. It can destroy your position.

- Again, a wise person will look at the consequences of the action. “What can happen if I do this? What are the consequences of doing this?” You just do not jump into something without first of all giving reconsideration to, “What can be the effect upon my life, upon my family, upon my job, upon my friends, if I do these things?” Really, “What can be the result of my relationship with God if I allow these things?” There have been too many men brought to a piece of bread, by a whorish woman.

Pro 6:27 Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?

- **Consequences now!** - *And not be burned?* Can you grab a flaming torch without it burning you?

Pro 6:28 Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared?

Pro 6:29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent
(go unpunished).

Pro 6:30 People do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.

- That is something. A guy is starving to death, his family is starving to death, if he goes out and steals some food, you say, “Oh my! His family was starving to death!” You do not despise the guy. In fact, you probably say, “Well, if he’d only come, I would’ve been glad to have given him some food.” But even that, if a man is stealing out of tremendous necessity, even that, under the law, if he is caught he has to repay seven-fold. He had to give all of the substance of his house. If he does not have the money, then they can take his furniture.

Pro 6:31 Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house.

Pro 6:32 Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so destroys his own soul.

- We usually think that the penalty for sexual immorality comes if the sin is exposed and known; wisdom and God’s word tell us that it *destroys* whether it is exposed or not.

Pro 6:33 Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach (disgrace) will not be wiped away.

- You cannot wipe away the reproach for what you have done.

Pro 6:34 For jealousy is a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare (cannot be paid back) in the day of vengeance.

- When he gets the opportunity, you have gone into your neighbor’s wife, I mean, he will not forget it.

Pro 6:35 He will accept no recompense, Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

- So, warnings again, commandments that tend towards life.

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Pro 6:19 A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

*Behold how good and how pleasant it is For brethren dwell together Behold how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren dwell together In unity to dwell in unity Lai lai lai... lai lai lai lai lai... lai In unity to
dwell in unity Lai lai lai... lai lai lai lai lai... lai*

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