

# **The Choices Of Wisdom**

## **Proverbs 5**

**Wisdom only works when chosen.**

### **A. Beware of Seduction (5:1-14)**

#### **1. Virtue is essential (5:1-2)**

**2 Peter 1:5-6**

**5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith  
virtue; and to virtue knowledge;**

**6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance  
patience; and to patience godliness;**

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### **A. Beware of Seduction (5:1-14)**

#### **2. Vigilance is necessary (5:3-14) - continued**

#### **Ephesians 5:15**

**a. To see temptation and consequences (vv 3-6)**

**b. To avoid temptation (vv 7-14)**

**1). Stay away (vv 7-8)**

**2). Stay aware of the consequences of being seduced (vv 9-14)**

**a) Lost honor (v 9)**

**b) Lost wealth (v 10)**

**c) Lost joy (v 11)**

**d) Lost testimony (vv 12-14)**

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### **B. Be Sanctified (5:15-23)**

**1 Thessalonians 4:1-4, Hebrews 13:4**

**1. By faithfulness (5:15-19)**

**a. Stay home – Proverbs 5:15**

**b. Stay honourable – Proverbs 5:16-17**

**c. Stay happy – Proverbs 5:18-19**

**2. By flawlessness (5:20-23)**

**a. Think of your choices**

**b. Think of Who is watching**

**c. Think of the consequences**

# **The Practice Of Wisdom**

## **Proverbs 6**

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## **2 Timothy 1:13**

**Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.**

# **I. Sound Business Practices (6:1-11)**

## **A. Do not get entangled (6:1-5)**

### **1. In things in which you have no liability (vv 1-2)**

#### **Proverbs 6:1-2**

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

**2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.**

# **I. Sound Business Practices (6:1-11)**

## **A. Do not get entangled (6:1-5) - continued**

### **2. Take quick action to get out of bad “deals” (v 3-5)**

#### **Proverbs 6:3-5**

**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.**

**4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.**

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

# **I. Sound Business Practices (6:1-11)**

## **B. Do not be lazy (vv 6-11)**

### **1. Consider the ant (vv 6-8)**

#### **Proverbs 6:6-8**

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

**7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,**

**8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.**



# **I. Sound Business Practices (6:1-11)**

**B. Do not be lazy (vv 6-11)**

**2. Consider your condition (vv 9-11)**

**Proverbs 6:9-11**

**9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?**

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

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

## **II. Sound Spiritual Practices (6:12-23)**

### **A. Do not be perverse (6:12-15)**

#### **Proverbs 6:12-15**

**12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.**

**13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;**

**14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.**

**15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.**

## **II. Sound Spiritual Practices (6:12-23)**

### **B. Hate what God hates (6:16-19)**

#### **Proverbs 6:16-19**

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

**17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,**

**18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,**

**19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.**

## **II. Sound Spiritual Practices (6:12-23)**

### **C. Follow God's commandments (6:20-23)**

#### **Proverbs 6:20-23**

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

**21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.**

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

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

### **III. Sound Moral Practices (6:24-35)**

#### **A. Avoid open immorality (6:24-26)**

##### **Proverbs 6:24-35**

**24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.**

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

**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.**

### **III. Sound Moral Practices (6:24-35)**

#### **B. Avoid secret immorality (6:27-31)**

##### **Proverbs 6:27-31**

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

**28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?**

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

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

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

### **III. Sound Moral Practices (6:24-35)**

#### **C. Acknowledge the consequences of immorality (6:32-35)**

##### **Proverbs 6:32-35**

**32 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.**

**33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.**

**34 For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.**

**35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.**

## **Proverbs 3:21**

**My son, let not them depart from  
thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and  
discretion:**