

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

Wisdom only works when used

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:**