

The Practice Of Wisdom

Proverbs 6

Wisdom only works when used.

A. Sound Business Practices (6:1-11)

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

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

b. Take quick action to get out of bad “deals”

(vv 3-5)

2. Do not be lazy (vv 6-11)

a. Consider the ant (vv 6-8)

b. Consider your condition (vv 9-11)

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B. Sound Spiritual Practices (6:12-23)

- 1. Do not be perverse (6:12-15)**
- 2. Hate what God hates (6:16-19)**
- 3. Follow God's commmandments (6:20-23)**

C. Sound Moral Practices (6:24-35)

- 1. Avoid open immorality (6:24-26)**
- 2. Avoid secret immorality (6:27-31)**
- 3. Acknowledge the consequences of immorality (6:32-35)**

Proverbs 3:21

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

Remembering Wisdom

Proverbs 7

The lessons of wisdom must be constantly remembered.

I. Invitation to Retain Wisdom (7:1-5)

Proverbs 7:1-5

1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman:

5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.

I. Invitation to Retain Wisdom (7:1-5)

A. The request does not change (v 1)

B. The resolve must not change (vv 2-3)

C. The reply cannot change (v 4)

D. The result will not change (v 5)

II. Implications of Refusing Wisdom (7:6-23)

A. In the wrong place at the wrong time (7:6-9)

Proverbs 7:6-9

6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,

9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:

II. Implications of Refusing Wisdom (7:6-23)

B. Around the wrong people (7:10-12)

Proverbs 7:10-12

10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:

12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

II. Implications of Refusing Wisdom (7:6-23)

C. Exposed to the wrong attraction (7:13-20)

Proverbs 7:13-20

13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him,

14 I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.

II. Implications of Refusing Wisdom (7:6-23)

C. Exposed to the wrong attraction (7:13-20)

Proverbs 7:13-20 - continued

15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

II. Implications of Refusing Wisdom (7:6-23)

C. Exposed to the wrong attraction (7:13-20)

Proverbs 7:13-20 - continued

**18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning:
let us solace ourselves with loves.**

**19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long
journey:**

**20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will
come home at the day appointed.**

II. Implications of Refusing Wisdom (7:6-23)

D. Take the wrong action (7:21-23)

Proverbs 7:21-23

21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;

23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.

III. Imploring To Choose The Path of Wisdom

(7:24-27)

Proverbs 7:24-27

24 Harken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.

27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

A. Pay attention (v 24)

B. Protect your heart (v 25)

**C. Perceive the dangers of going the wrong way
(vv 26-27)**

John 8:12

**Then spake Jesus again unto them,
saying, I am the light of the world:
he that followeth me shall not walk
in darkness, but shall have the light
of life.**