

The Two Paths in Proverbs

Lesson 6: Wisdom in Life Choices
Proverbs 6:1-35

- I. **In Regard to Finances**: Wise financial decisions include avoiding the debt trap, especially guaranteeing someone else's debts (6:1-5).
 - A. A financial wise choice includes not becoming the one who guarantees a loan for another (6:1).
 - B. One who has made such a choice should do everything righteously possible to free himself from such a trap (6:2-5).
- II. **In Regard to Work**: The "sluggard" can learn from the industrious nature of the ant that works hard to provide life's resources (6:6-11).
 - A. In regards to work, a lazy man needs to learn from the ant to work hard and plan for the future (6:6-8).
 - B. The sluggard who refuses to work hard suffers the consequences of poverty and destitution (6:9-11).
- III. **In Regard to a Wicked Man**: Avoiding companionship with a wicked man protects a person from chaos that such a person creates (6:12-15).
- IV. **In Regard to the Things God Hates**: Wise living avoids the seven things God hates (6:16-19).
 - A. "Haughty eyes"- Pride and arrogance (6:17a)
 - B. "Lying tongue"- Deceptive words (6:17b)
 - C. "Hands that shed innocent blood"- Murder (6:17c)
 - D. "Heart that devises wicked plans"- Evil scheming (6:18a)
 - E. "Feet that run rapidly to evil"- Eager to pursue evil paths (6:18b)
 - F. "A witness who utters lies"- False testifying against another (6:19a)
 - G. "One who spreads strife among the brothers"- A person who creates dissension and factions between others (6:19b)
- V. **In Regard to Parents**: Embracing the instruction of wise parents provides protection and peace in life (6:20-22).
- VI. **In Regard to Immorality**: The choice to pursue wisdom provides protection from the person who would lure you into immoral choices and the chaos such choices bring (6:23-35).
 - A. Avoiding immoral relationships requires that a person refuses to let himself be ensnared (6:23-25).
 - B. The results of immoral choices include being burned and having one's resources reduced (6:26-29).
 - C. Pursuing another person's spouse creates angry situations and angry people who want revenge (6:30-35).