

WALK WISELY

8//2026 Proverbs 6 — Study Guide

Solomon's wisdom often reads as plain common sense — yet it convicts. Where do you notice a gap between what you know is wise and how you're actually living?

1. Watch Your Enabling *(verses 1-5)*

Solomon warns his son against rashly guaranteeing others' debts. The principle widens: mercy that shields people from responsibility has become enabling, not love.

1. What kind of promise is Solomon warning against, and why is it dangerous?
2. What's the difference between genuine generosity and enabling someone to avoid responsibility?
3. Where might you be "enabling" instead of helping — financially, relationally, or spiritually — by letting someone (or yourself) avoid a hard step forward?

2. Be an Example of Hard Work *(verses 6-11)*

Solomon sends his wealthy son to study the ant: no boss required, and always preparing for what's ahead. Laziness -- even a "little" folding of the hands -- quietly costs us what we have.

4. What two qualities of the ant does Solomon highlight, and why do they matter?
5. Ray Ortlund said our danger isn't becoming criminals but becoming "mediocre Christians." Where do you see that tendency toward spiritual laziness in your own life?
6. What would it look like this week to trade "a little more sleep" for real effort in your work, relationships, or walk with God?

3. Pursue Peace *(verses 12-19)*

Solomon lists what God hates -- pride, lying, violence, scheming, sowing discord -- all rooted in using power selfishly. Christ, who held all power, used it to serve and to make peace.

7. Of the six/seven things listed, which one exposes something you need to confess?
8. How does Jesus model the opposite use of power -- eyes, tongue, hands, heart, and feet devoted to peace instead of discord?
9. Practically, what is one relationship where you're called to pursue peace rather than protect your pride this week?

Coming to the Table

Confess where pride has produced discord in your life. Remember Christ, who held all power yet gave His life in peace — and ask Him to shape your eyes, tongue, hands, heart, and feet to be like His.