

Proverbs 6-7 – 1 October 2026

“Lacking Wisdom Leads To Atrophy”

Introduction

- *The Book of Proverbs is broken into 5 sections
 - *Chap 1-9 (Solomon – the only long form)
 - *Chap 10-24 (Solomon – short form)
 - *Chap 25-29 (Solomon – compiled later by Hez)
 - *Chap 30 (Unknown man Agur)
 - *Chap 31 (Unknown King Lemuel)
 - *Chap 1:1-7, 31:10-31 (Unknown book compiler)
- *1st section (Chap 1-9) is entirely about wisdom
- *Chap 1 - how to start down the path to gain wisdom
- *Chap 2-3 - the power of wisdom
- *Chap 4-5 – teaches to choose wisdom, nothing else
- *Chap 6-7 – shows the results of rejecting wisdom

Today, we see that lacking God’s wisdom leaves us susceptible to these 5 things

#1 – Loose Associations (Chap 6:1-5)

Read 6:1-5

1. When we become co-signer for another's debt, we should seek to settle it & disengage quickly
 - a. That puts our reputation in their hands
 - b. This also puts their reputation on us
2. Lending is a contractual relationship w/ others whereas God wants is in a relationship of love
 - a. Read Luk 6:34-35a – If we have it to give do it w/o strings

#2 – Lazy Actions (Chap 6:6-11)

Read 6:6-8

1. Ant doesn't have to be told or forced to work
2. Ant doesn't have much power or influence but knows they must get to work
3. Self-sustainment will always be the individual's job (Read Gal 6:4-5)

4. If we can't provide for ourselves, how can we provide for our widows, extended family or just be ready to bless others? (Read I Tim 5:8)

Read 6:9-11

1. Every lazy person has an excuse why they can't provide for themselves and their family
2. We make excuses, "I just need to rest a little"
 - a. When you enter poverty, don't wonder why
3. Don't set yourself up for poverty with laziness
 - a. Have foresight to see where you're going
4. If you're already there b/c of laziness, change, start afresh today

#3 – Lofty Arrogance (Chap 6:12-19)

Read 6:12-15

1. A ***mouth*** that speaks perverse things comes from a ***heart*** of perversity
 - a. Jesus said, out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Matt 12:34)

2. The wicked man goes crooked & desires to have you go crooked with him
 - a. They're not content until their nature is accepted as the norm
 - b. Just when the perverse thinks his lifestyle is accepted as normal – destruction comes
 - c. Read II Pet 3:3-4a, 10 – W/o time to change

Read 6:16-19

1. Six then seven is a literary tool to emphasize that there are seven
2. Notice that each one of these affect others
 - a. Haughty eyes – I'm better than you
 - b. A private lying tongue – I'll tell you what I want you to hear
 - c. Hands of murder – I'll take what I want
 - d. Heart of planned wickedness – I intend to get more
 - e. Feet moving to evil – Intentionality
 - f. A public lying tongue – I'll check the public view to be what I want it to be
 - g. Spreading strife – do you make people want to fight or want to embrace?

#4 – Lustful Allurements (Chap 6:20-35)

Read 6:20-24

1. As if he asks him to carry a copy of the Law in front of his eyes at all times, day & night
 - a. More than that, God wants the Word written on our heart (Read Deut 6:6-7) (Prov 3:3, 7:3)
 - b. Praise God that under Jesus Christ, we have a new and living way (Read Jer 31:33)
2. God's Word illuminates our path so we avoid the evil women alluring us with her sinful charm
3. As we describe this woman...
 - a. Men, don't be allured to join her
 - b. Women, don't be allured to become her

Read 6:25-26

1. The fleshly woman seems to offer good to you, but all they do is take
2. They try flattering you with more body parts than just their eyelids
 - a. Harlots take their clothes off to reveal their body, but virtuous women leave them on to reveal their dignity

Read 6:27-29

1. The problem is not the attraction or even the sex; the problem is that it's with the wrong woman
 - a. It's not a godly woman that you've married
2. Sex is exactly like fire
 - a. Used in right context; warms & brings light
 - b. Wrong context; it'll burn your house down
3. Do not steal someone else's spouse

Read 6:30-32

1. If you steal bread to survive, there's compassion (still a crime)
 - a. But if you steal sex from someone, not your wife, there should be no compassion or excuse
2. Most sins harm you, others & God, but sexual sins harm even your body (Read I Cor 6:18)

Read 6:33-35

1. The wounds, disgrace & reproach of sleeping around stay with a person for life

- a. Past events will stir up jealousy & memories for a long time
- 2. This is one of only a few times in the Bible when we're told to get up and leave (II Tim 2:22)
 - a. We must stay farther away from this temptation than we even think we should
 - b. Jesus says don't even look at women w/ lust

#5 – Lonely Arrangements (Chap 7:1-27)

Read 7:1-5

- 1. This is the same call as in 6:20 when we started discussing the allure of lust
- 2. Stay in the Word – You can tell the people that aren't in the Word daily and those that are

Read 7:6-9

- 1. As we read this progression into sin, we must recognize that he's already crossed into sin!
 - a. He intentionally put himself in sin's place
 - b. We must stay farther away than we think

Read 7:10-12

1. She doesn't dwell at home in that she's not content and she wants you to be discontent
2. For many men, it's already too late
 - a. Like David in (Read) II Sam 11:1-2
 - b. He didn't go to war; he's in the wrong place

Read 7:13-21

1. Look at the deceptive, lying nature of this
 - a. Vs 14 – I'm a godly girl, we can do this
 - b. Vs 15 – I was looking specifically for you
 - c. Vs 18 – This is love/relationship, not just temporary sex
 - d. Vs 19-20 – It's safe, no one will know
2. He has lost the battle of the ***mind***, long before losing the battle of the ***body***
3. All real things are different than they appear

Read 7:22-23

1. He ***should*** know it'll cost his life, but he refuses to accept God's wisdom thru His Word

2. As a mouse to the tripwire that only sees cheese
3. Our *feelings* can lead astray, even the available *facts* can lead us to the wrong conclusions
 - a. Are we being led by feelings, facts or *faith*?
 - b. The just shall live by faith – in God's Word

Read 7:24-27

1. This advice comes directly against her lies
 - a. Vs 15 & 26 – she didn't come just for you – you're one of many slain by her
 - b. Vs 16-17 & 27 – her house smells pretty to hide the stench of hell & death
2. Vs 25 – don't even get close in the 1st place

Conclusion

Let us not get anywhere near this slippery slope

1. **Loose Associations** – Keep a godly reputation
2. **Lazy Actions** – Keep your work ethic
3. **Lofty Arrogance** – Keep your godly character
4. **Lustful Allurements** – Be satisfied at home
5. **Lonely Arrangements** – Be satisfied in the Lord