



Proverbs

Get Smart!
Wisdom and Fools

FROM THE BIBLE'S WISDOM LITERATURE

GET SMART!!!

- So far, first 9 chapters:
 - Ch. 1 – Definition, call and warning
 - Ch. 2 – Rewards for seeking; deliverance from sinful
 - Ch. 3 – TRUST IN THE LORD!
 - Ch. 4 – Listen = learn; they will keep you from evil; Body...
 - Ch. 5 – Contrast of Women – “Stranger” VS. Wife
 - Ch. 6 – Integrity in Everyday Choices
 - Why do some sins appear worse than others?
 - Is God concerned about business? Daily choices? Work?

CH 6 – EVERY DAY CHOICES...

- Solomon understood something about God's Heart
 - HE SEES IT ALL!!!
- Issue #2 – Co-signing Loans? Really? After Adultery??
 - Why would this be such a big deal?
 - 11:15; 17:18; 22:26
 - Legitimate and fraud credit... still today
 - “on Credit” on someone else's reputation
 - Fortunes could be lost on the basis of such surety

CONCERNING CO-SIGNING

- Note it was all done with words & a handshake (1,2)
 - Given a pledge = strike hands
 - Do our words have weight in eternity? (Gen 44:32, Philemon 18,19)
- Answer – **GET OUT OF IT!**
 - HUMBLE YOURSELF, DON'T SLEEP ON IT!
 - ESCAPE FOR THE TRAP YOU ARE IN!!! (5)
 - We will be known by the decisions we make
 - Especially how we speak and who we speak for...

LAZINESS (6-11)

- 6 – The Sluggard!
 - Wasteful and lazy lifestyle...
 - GO TO THE ANT! Ever watch them?
 - Unwearied activity during the appointed season..
 - Seems like no leadership is present, all get involved
- A little sleep, a little slumber... no purpose or plan...
 - POVERTY! Like a thief in the night!
 - 2 Thessalonians 3:6ff

WICKEDNESS DEFINED (12-15)

- Idleness and vice are allied.
- Do we really need help figuring this out –
 - Apparently the answer is yes! "a man of Belial," = evil
 - We are so easily led astray by looks and promises...
- Walks with a false mouth – everywhere they go, lies
- Winks – like "the sting" sets up a victim
- Feet give the sound to attack; fingers point to "mark"
- Perversity in the heart – the very root of such people

IF IT IS IN THE HEART...

- 14 – devises evil continually
 - Stays up at night think up new things... Rom 1; Ps 36
 - Specific? Spreads strife!
 - Pr 6:19; 16:28; 26:17-22; Rom 16:17
- The end result of such people
 - Calamity, broken, no healing...
 - It may take time, it will come suddenly...instantly”

GOD'S HATE LIST – 7 THINGS (16-19)

- Why would God have a “hit list” of sins...
 - Same as ours? What's on YOUR list???
 - Six are bad, but the 7th... this is a poetic phrasing
- Compare this with Ps 26:2-7 – David's teaching?
- #1 Haughty eyes - "eyes of loftiness", pride
 - Ps 10:4; 18:27; 101:5; Isa 2:11 – contrast Ps 131:1; 1Pt 5:5

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- **#2 – Lying Tongue, any/all falsehood**
 - Ps 5:6; John 8:44; Rev 22:15
- **#3 – Hands that shed innocent blood, all violence**
 - Deut 27:25; Isa 59:4-6
- **#4 – Heart that devises wicked plans, conspiracy issues**
 - Gen 6:5; Ps 36:4; Micah 2:1; Zech 8:17

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- **#5 – Feet that run to do evil**
 - Isa 59:7/Rom 3:15; instead Rom 10:15!
- **# 6 – False witness, perjury, using law to sin!**
 - Ex 20:16; Pr 19:5,9; 25:18; Deut 19:16-20
- **#7 – and the winner is... STRIFE among brothers!!!**
 - Why would this be worst of all???
 - Pr 16:28; 22:10; 26:20; James 3:14-18