



Proverbs 6:1-19
Wisdom for Life in the World
Pt. 2

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Four Teachings

6:1-5 Don't **slumber** until free from contractual commitments.

6:6-11 Too much **slumber** leads to poverty.

6:12-15 The wicked man stirs up **dissension**

6:16-19 Seven sins (last is "**dissension**")

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The Risks of Contracts

Proverbs 6:1-5

My son, if you have become **surety for your neighbor**, have given a pledge for a stranger, **2** If you have been snared with the words of your mouth, have been caught with the words of your mouth, **3** do this then, my son, and deliver yourself; since you have come into the hand of your neighbor, go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor. **4** Give no sleep to your eyes, **nor slumber** to your eyelids; **5** Deliver yourself like a gazelle from *the hunter's* hand And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

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The Importance of a Work Ethic

Proverbs 6:6-11

Go to the ant, O sluggard, Observe her ways and be wise, **7** Which, having no chief, Officer or ruler, **8** Prepares her food in the summer *And* gathers her provision in the harvest. **9** How long will you lie down, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? **10** "A little sleep, a **little slumber**, a little folding of the hands to rest"— **11** Your poverty will come in like a **vagabond** And your need like an armed man.

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Don't Be the "Wicked Man"

Proverbs 6:12-15

A worthless person, a **wicked man**, is the one who walks with a perverse mouth, **13** Who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet, Who points with his fingers; **14** Who *with* perversity in his heart continually devises evil, **Who spreads strife**. **15** Therefore his calamity will come suddenly; Instantly he will be broken and there will be no healing.

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The Seven Sins

Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: **17** Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, **18** A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, **19** A false witness *who* utters lies, And one who **spreads strife** among brothers.

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The New Testament on Contracts

1. Honor your word
2. Don't make vows or oaths if possible
3. Pay your debts

Matthew 5:33-37 "Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.' 34 "But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING. 36 "Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 "But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil.

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The New Testament on Work Ethic

1. Do all work as unto the Lord
2. Take care of your family
3. Pay your taxes
4. Work is hard now, but the kingdom is coming!

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

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The New Testament on Dissension

1. Needless dissensions are sinful
2. Elders and the church must guard against dissensions in doctrine/deed

Romans 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.

Titus 3:10 Reject a factious man after a first and second warning...

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