

“Enemies of a Man's Soul”

Text – Proverbs 6:1-19

I. _____ bondage – The folly of becoming a _____ for another's debt. (6:1-5)

Def. - **“Surety”** = Assuming legal responsibility for another's debt.
Guaranteeing another's debt

A. Law prohibiting _____ money or _____ high interest

1. God's people were not to charge one another **interest** for personal loans.
(Exodus 22:25; Deut. 23:19-20; Lev. 25:35-37)
2. Illust. – Nehemiah 5
3. Lesson – A **borrower** can become a _____ to a **lender**.

B. Solomon's _____: There is _____ in becoming a _____ for another's debt. (6:1-2)

1. It is *risky business* to become a surety for _____ or family member. (6:1a)
2. It is *folly* to become surety for a “_____.” (6:1b; 2 Cor. 6:14; Amos 3:3)
3. It is a _____ [a trap used by hunters] to become surety for another's debt. (6:2)

C. Solomon's _____: Get _____ from your _____ as soon as possible. (6:3-5)

1. Do *not* _____ until you are **free** from another man's debt. (6:3)
2. Be _____ of debt - Do not sleep or slumber until you are free from obligation. (6:4)
3. The **hunter** and the **hunted** (6:5)

Proverbs 11:15 - He that is surety for a stranger shall smart [be injured or distressed] for it: and he that hateth [scorns] suretiship is sure [confident].

II. A lesson and warning to the _____ [sluggard] (6:6-11)

A. The **sluggard** [lazy and slothful] can learn from the example of the _____. (6:6)

1. The ant is _____. (6:6)
2. The ant is a **self-motivated**, _____ worker. (6:7-8)

B. Warning: The _____ of **laziness** (6:9-11)

1. Questions can provoke the sluggard to face his laziness. (6:9)

2. Laziness leads to a tragic end. (6:10-11)

Proverbs 20:4 – “The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; *therefore* shall he beg in harvest, and *have* nothing.”

III. The _____ [wiles] and _____ of the wicked (6:12-15)**A. The Character of the wicked (6:12-14)**

1. He is a “_____ person.” (6:12a)
2. He has a “froward _____.” (6:12b-13)
3. He has a froward _____. – “frowardness [*perversity*] is in his heart” (6:14a)

B. The _____ [*tragic end*] of the wicked (6:15)**IV. Seven abominations [*sins* God hates] (6:16-19)****A. _____ (6:16-17a)****B. _____ – (6:17b) – “a lying tongue...”****C. _____ (6:17c) - “...hands that shed innocent blood” (Genesis 9:6; Numbers 35:16, 31)****D. _____ plans (6:18a) - “An heart that deviseth [*plows; fabricates*] wicked imaginations...”**

Matthew 15:19 – “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

E. Wicked _____ (6:18b) - “...feet that be swift in running to mischief,”

Isaiah 59:7 – “Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.”

F. _____ (6:19a) - “A false witness that speaketh lies...”**G. _____ spirit (6:19b) – “and he that soweth discord among brethren.”**
[disgruntled; griping; complaining]

Proverbs 16:28 - “A froward [*perverse*] man soweth strife [*quarrels*]: and a whisperer [*talebearer; murmurer; grumbler; complainer*] separateth chief [*close*] friends.”

2 Timothy 2:23 – “But foolish and unlearned [*ignorant*] questions [*and controversies*] avoid [*refuse*], knowing that they do gender [*bring about*] strifes [*fighting; conflict*].”