



Surety & Laziness

Proverbs 6:1-19



Call to the Word

Psa 119:9-16



How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

Call to the Word

Psa 119:9-16

With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!



Call to the Word

Psa 119:9-16

Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.

Blessed *are* You, O LORD! Teach me
Your statutes.



Call to the Word

Psa 119:9-16

With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, *As much as* in all riches.



Call to the Word

Psa 119:9-16

I will meditate on Your precepts, And
contemplate Your ways.

I will delight myself in Your statutes; I
will not forget Your word.



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introduction



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Wisdom is the factual knowledge and the situational insight and the necessary resolve *that together* will succeed in attaining a good outcome.
(Piper)



Foolishness of Surety

Pro 6:1-2



Pro 6:1-2
Surety

Surety: the promise to pay the debts of a friend or stranger if they fail to pay.

“The New Testament shows us Paul accepting Onesimus’s past liabilities, but not his future ones.” (Kidner)



Un-snare Yourself

Proverbs 6:3-5



Pro 6:3-5
Un-snare
Yourself

Solomon counseled his son that if he did make himself responsible for the debt of another person, he should do all he could as fast as he could to deliver himself.

Humble yourself – and plead... lit:
*“offer thyself to be trodden upon,
throw yourself down at his feet.”*



Pro 6:3-5
Un-snare
Yourself

Gen 43:8-14

Judah was guaranteeing himself as ***arab*** (aw-rahb) 'surety' for Benjamin.

Job 17:3

Psa 119:122

Heb 7:22



Pro 6:3-5
Un-snare
Yourself

“Our God, while he warns us against putting up security, has taken it on himself. May his name be praised for this! He has given us his Word, his bond, yes, his blood as security for sinners, which no power of hell can shake.” (Bridges)

*Once again, we have the **NT** in the **OT** contained and the **OT** in the **NT** explained!!*



Honor of Hard Work

Proverbs 6:6-8



Pro 6:6-8

**The Honor of
Hard Work**

*The book of Proverbs speaks a lot about the value of hard work, and for good reason. The difference between success and failure, between potential disappointment or fulfillment is often hard work.
(Guzik)*



Accounting for Laziness

Proverbs 6:9-11



The Lazy asked to give account for his ways.

Pro 6:9-11
The Honor of
Hard Work

*“The sluggard is the explicit audience, but the implicit audiences are the son and the gullible who are addressed in the book. They are being warned against laziness through the sluggard’s chastisement.
(Waltke)*



Pro 6:9-11

The Honor of
Hard Work

*Countin' flowers on the wall
That don't bother me at all
Playin' solitaire 'til dawn
with a deck of 51
Smokin' cigarettes and
watchin' Captain Kangaroo
Now don't tell me, I've nothin' to do...
(Statler Bros.)*



Pro 6:9-11
The Honor of
Hard Work

Passive-negligence is the failure to do something that should have been done; it comes from laziness, lack of discipline, and / or inconsistency.

Lord, thou givest us everything, at the price of an effort. (Leonardo da Vinci)

Lord, let us not live to be useless, for Christ's sake. (Wesley)

God gives the birds their food, but He does not throw it into their nests. (German Proverb)



The Bible Extols Hard Work and Diligence...

Pro 6:9-11
The Honor of
Hard Work

Pro 10:4

Pro 12:24

Pro 13:4

Pro 15:19

Pro 26:14-15



Pro 6:9-11

The Honor of
Hard Work

“Sleep is the defining characteristic of the sluggard for him the love of sleep is pure escapism—a refusal to face the world. In contrast to the sweet sleep of the laboring person, the sluggard’s narcotic sleep ever craves still more sleep to escape the pain of living” (Waltke)



Destiny of the Wicked

Proverbs 6:12-15



Pro 6:12-15
The Destiny of
the Wicked

Worthless: "man of Belial" - "man of Satan"

"His speech is tortuous and crafty; his wink tells the accomplice that the victim is already snared; his gestures with foot and hand are half in deceit, and half in mockery." - Guzik



Perverse mouth: con-man, swindler,
hustler, fraud, scammer, deceiver

Pro 6:12-15

**The Destiny of
the Wicked**

Evil and discord come from his life.



Calamity synonyms: Distress,
destruction, disaster, oppression, ruin,
misfortune

Pro 6:12-15

**The Destiny of
the Wicked**



Seven Things God Hates

Proverbs 6:16-19



Pro 6:16-19
Seven Things
the Lord Hates

“The ‘six’ and ‘seven’ of the opening statement have their explanation in the description. The six are first stated, and the seventh is that which results, namely, ‘he that soweth discord among brethren.’” (Morgan)

Rom 6:13



Pro 6:16-19

Seven Things the Lord Hates

“Here is a list of things hateful to God. Those sins are in a special manner provoking to God, which are hurtful to the comfort of human life. These things which God hates, we must hate in ourselves; it is nothing to hate them in others. Let us shun all such practices, and watch and pray against them; and avoid, with marked disapproval, all who are guilty of them, whatever may be their rank.” (Henry)



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