“Be Wise”

Intro: As we open to the 6th chapter of Proverbs we come to a section where Solomon, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, briefly turns from the issue of ___________ in regard to sexual purity to quickly address wisdom in regard to a few other ______________ concerns.

I. The wisdom of God teaches us to ____________:

A. ______________ (making oneself liable for another’s debt).
   1. Wisdom says: Don’t become surety for your neighbor, don’t give a pledge for a stranger! But if you have caught ______________ in the snare of the words of your own mouth, then do this: ______________ yourself!
   2. And how shall you seek to deliver yourself? ______________ yourself and _____ to be loosed from your noose!

B. ______________.
   1. Good, hard, diligent, faithful _______-__________________________ is to be a mark of God’s people.
   2. Here’s what the Lord says, II Thess 3:10b-12, “… if anyone will ______ _________, ______________ let him _______. 11 For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.”
   3. The sluggard needs to go to the tiny ant and ______________ her way so as to gather wisdom. Observe the _____! No one has to tell her to gather food, she just does it! It’s instinctive even to an insect: if you want to eat, you must work! Did you hear that? If you want to eat, you must work! And if you work, you’ll have something to eat! Now ______ _________!
   4. Just __________ a little more! Just slumber a little _________!! Just fold your hands and take another nap and to your disgrace your ______________ will be upon you!!!

C. The________________ person.
   1. The wisdom of God dictates that the wise ______________ the wicked and __________________ themselves from them.
   2. Every fool who _________ themselves to such an evil one will come under their __________________, with no healing.
   3. Be wise, dear son, be wise! Recognize the wicked man and escape! _____ away __ __________!
D. __________ __________ __________.

1. God hates haughty eyes for they reflect the ______________ of the fool’s soul.
2. God hates a _______ tongue for a lying tongue speaks only that which overflows from out of the fool’s _____________.
3. God hates hands that ______ innocent _________ for they act out what the fool conceives in his mind.
4. God hates the heart that devises ______________ ________ for that heart belongs to the fool.
5. God hates feet that ______ rapidly __ ________ for they are the feet that belong to the fool.
6. God hates a __________ witness who utters lies for such a ______________ comes from the lips of a depraved fool.
7. God hates the one who ______________ ____________ among brothers for such a one who causes division is a fool, lacking all wisdom.
   a. Wisdom dictates that these seven things must be __________, or else we will be under the _________________ of what God hates.

**In closing:** My son, don’t be a fool who comes under the wrathful judgment of God but ______ ________ by escaping surety, laziness, the worthless person, and all that God hates.

Take the following verses to heart:
Prov 6:20-23
20 My son, ______________ the commandment of your father,
And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;
21 Bind them continually on your heart;
Tie them around your neck.
22 When you walk about, they will guide you;
When you sleep, they will watch over you;
And when you awake, they will talk to you.
23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light;
And reproofs for discipline are the way of life ... 

Here is the way (path) of life: escape surety, laziness, wicked men and all God hates. Do this by faith in Jesus and in His wisdom ________ ________ ________ and you will live in the blessings of God!
Choose life!

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