

• **Proverbs provides PRACTICAL WISDOM.**

Proverbs contains immensely practical wisdom such as fearing/obeying God (ch.1); Guarding your friends (ch1); Guarding from dangerous men/women (ch.2); Not following your own heart (ch.3); Fleeing temptation (ch.4); Warnings against immorality (ch.5); gaining God’s wisdom from Scripture (ch.1-2); and now in ch.6 we get more practical wisdom in (1) financial obligation matters; and (2) self discipline matters.

• **Chapter 6 is on practical, daily wisdom = wisdom’s protection.**

1. The beginning of wisdom (ch1)
2. The benefits of wisdom (ch2)
3. The blessings of wisdom (ch3)
4. The heart of wisdom (ch4)
5. The purity of wisdom (ch5)
6. The practicalities of wisdom (ch6)
  1. **Money/business // money management (1-5)**
  2. **Self discipline // time management (6-11)**
  3. Wasted life that leads to hell (12-19)
  4. Sexual purity (20-35)

*Chapter 6 is on “Dangerous Temptations”*

*Solomon singled out a few more serious errors to avoid in addition to marital unfaithfulness. These include assuming liability for the debts of others (vv. 1-5), being lazy (vv. 6-11), being untruthful (vv. 12-15), and seven other practices that need no clarification (vv. 16-19).*

*A prudent person is one who is capable of exercising sound judgment in practical matters. He or she is cautious and discreet in conduct, is circumspect, and is sensible. We often describe a prudent person by saying that he or she has common sense. A prudent person can foresee the consequences of possible actions and behaves accordingly. A godly (wise) person can be prudent because God's revelation helps us see the usual consequences of our actions before we commit them. This is largely what the Book of Proverbs helps us do.*

— Thomas Constable

**THESIS — Prov 6 will give us 2 wise-instructions for life!**

God’s wisdom for you on **MONEY MANAGEMENT // Business** (1-5)

God’s wisdom for you on **TIME MANAGEMENT // Laziness** (6-11)

**I. GOD’S WISDOM FOR YOU ON MONEY MANAGEMENT (1-5)****A. The circumstance v.1-2 —**

The Bible consistently and unconditionally and clearly warns against becoming surety or the debtor for another person’s debt: Prov 6:1; 11:15; 17:18; 22:26.

**B. The counsel v.3-5 = 7 impv commands here!**

1.**GO** (3b)

2.**BE HUMBLE** (3c) — *To humble yourself is a very humiliating word = it means to lay down on the ground and let the other guy trample all over you and call you every bad name, but you go ahead and do it anyway >> but you get yourself free.*

3.**BE SERIOUS & IMPORTUNATE** (3d) — *To plead / to importune — to pester, to badger, to constantly interrupt; To press your plea / importunate = suggests being bold and active and persistent.*

4.**WASTE NO TIME** (4) - *Not even one night was to pass before the situation should be addressed.*

5.**DELIVER YOURSELF** (5) - *be responsible; circumspect.*

**II. GOD’S WISDOM FOR YOU ON TIME MANAGEMENT (6-11)**

The  **sluggard** — One who is lazy; hesitant; slow; he’s the man who is *not* upright and he is *not* righteous; He’s lazy, making the easy choice; he wastes opportunities and he refuses to do things for his spiritual good because he just wants to rest and take it easy and care for himself.

**A. The example for the lazy man (v.6-8)**

Go to the ant! (v.6)

- An ant is a self initiator — he begins the job well on his own
- An ant is a self-supervisor — he has no chief, ruler, no officer.
- An ant is a team player — coordinated in all they do; they work together.
- An ant is a hard worker — he works hard, diligently, dutifully for the long-haul.
- An ant is a future planner — he prepares for the future; prepares for future needs
- An ant is goal-oriented — nothing in mind but to eat; plan, prepare, work, eat.
- An ant is patiently-persistent — swipe them away and they’ll be back

**B. The exhortation to the lazy man (9-11)**

Sleep is a blessing (Prov 3:24; 19:23) — but for this lazy man, the blessing of sleep has become the god of his heart. Do not love sleep, or you will become poor (Prov 20.13).

*The Book of Proverbs deals very hard blows against sluggards, and Christian ministers do well frequently to denounce the great sin of idleness, which is the mother of a huge family of sins. (Spurgeon)*

Francis Havergal wrote:

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use Every pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

**WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN (NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD)**

What can wash away my sin?  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
 What can make me whole again?  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone:  
 nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
 Naught of good that I have done:  
 nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Refrain:**

**O precious is the flow  
 that makes me white as snow;  
 no other fount I know;  
 nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

This is all my hope and peace:  
 nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
 This is all my righteousness:  
 nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see:  
 nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
 For my cleansing this my plea:  
 nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**NOW WHY THIS FEAR AND UNBELIEF**

Now why this fear and unbelief?  
 Has not the Father put to grief  
 His spotless Son for us?  
 And will the righteous Judge of men  
 Condemn me for that debt of sin  
 Now canceled at the cross?

We're sheltered by Your saving grace  
 And sprinkled with Your blood

*BRIDGE*

*How sweet the sound of saving grace  
 How sweet the sound of saving grace  
 Christ died for me*

**CHORUS**

**Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood  
 Jesus, You've rescued us  
 Through Your great love**

Be still my soul and know this peace  
 The merits of your great high priest  
 Have bought your liberty  
 Rely then on His precious blood  
 Don't fear your banishment from God  
 Since Jesus sets you free

Complete atonement You have made  
 And by Your death have fully paid  
 The debt Your people owed  
 No wrath remains for us to face