

SCC MEN'S SATURDAY AM BIBLE STUDY
September 20, 2025 7:30 AM – Proverbs 6:1-19

Proverbs 6:1–19 presents a series of moral instructions that highlight practical wisdom and divine values. It begins by warning against becoming financially liable for others, urging swift action to escape such entanglements. The passage then praises the ant for its diligence and foresight, contrasting it with the sluggard whose laziness leads to poverty. It describes the behavior of a corrupt person who uses deceptive gestures and harbors malicious intent, ultimately sowing discord. The section culminates with a list of seven things the Lord hates.

What's There? - Searching the Scriptures

- A. Define the word “integrity.” If someone has integrity, what specific areas of his or her life demonstrate that?

- B. How do you feel when someone of integrity falters?

- C. What does Proverbs say you are to do if you find yourself in a “trapped” situation? Look at the imperatives in verses 3-5. How urgent does this sound?

- D. How would you describe the “work ethic” in America?

- E. What traits did Solomon see in ants (v. 6-8) that made them a good example of working with integrity?

F. What adjectives do you see in verses 12-15 that indicate a person is wicked? What adjectives might we use today to describe someone who is wicked?

G. Why do you think Solomon used this “six things...no, seven” when introducing the list in verses 16-19? Do you think this is an exhaustive list or a representative one, and why?

So What & What Now? - Applying the Scriptures

How does demonstrating integrity in our finances, work, relationships, intentions, and behavior affect our witness to non-believers? Conversely, how does not doing what we ought in these areas affect our witness?

How are you doing living up to the ideals in these areas? Are there any gaps? What adjustments can you make to strengthen areas of weakness?

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