

Proverbs 3:27-35 The self-destructive NATURE of sin

Six "do not's"
We move from wisdom toward God to our duty toward man..

"PAY your debts"
Romans 13:7

27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,

When it is in your power to do it.

each verse will make sin more severe and more devastating.

28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back,

And tomorrow I will give it,"

and PAY them on time.
James 5:4
Exodus 19:13

When you have it with you.

29 Do not devise harm against your neighbor,

While he lives securely beside you.

we move a step further from self-centered inconsideration to pre-meditated criminal activity.

30 Do not contend with a man without cause,

If he has done you no harm.

31 Do not envy a man of violence

And do not choose any of his ways.

A step further. We do the above sins because we envy evil men

32 For the devious are an abomination to the LORD;

lit. "his private counsel"...
But He is intimate with the upright.

The foundational Reason: You have set your face against God

and you have lost the highest of Relationships

33 The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked,

But He blesses the dwelling of the righteous.

Solomon goes a step further. "You have brought the curse of God upon your entire family"

and forsaken the highest of blessings

34 Though He scoffs at the scoffers,

Yet He gives grace to the afflicted.

A step further.. God regards you as a JOKE

You've missed the help of God in your life

35 The wise will inherit honor,

lit. "will exalt dishonor"
But fools display dishonor;

A final step.. You have cursed your memory and legacy.