

Proverbs 6:1-35 "Smiling Faces"

VVI-5

Beware of being

① another man's
surety

"This is not to banish generosity but to banish gambling"

"don't renege but beg"

1 My son, if you have become surety for your neighbor,

Have given a pledge for a stranger,

2 If you have been snared with the words of your mouth,

Have been caught with the words of your mouth,

3 Do this then, my son, and deliver yourself;

Since you have come into the hand of your neighbor,

Go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor.

4 Give no sleep to your eyes,

Nor slumber to your eyelids;

5 Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hunter's hand

And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6 Go to the ant, O sluggard,

Observe her ways and be wise,

7 Which, having no chief,

Officer or ruler,

8 Prepares her food in the summer

And gathers her provision in the harvest.

9 How long will you lie down, O sluggard?

When will you arise from your sleep?

10 "A little sleep, a little slumber,

A little folding of the hands to rest"—

"being responsible for another man's irresponsibility"

the ant does what must be done
with no coercion and no
immediate results...

The ant is "self-disciplined"

as winter is coming

procrastination, irresponsibility,
yielding to sloth

11 Your poverty will come in like a vagabond

suddenly, totally

And your need like an armed man.

v12-19 (3)
The Trouble Maker

12 A worthless person, a wicked man,

Is the one who walks with a perverse mouth,

a hint
a wink

he is covert

13 Who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet,

a gesture

Who points with his fingers;

14 Who with perversity in his heart continually devises evil,

But he has an evil agenda

Who spreads strife.

strife and division

15 Therefore his calamity will come suddenly;

He is ambitious to divide and conquer

Instantly he will be broken and there will be no healing.

do not follow...
... an Absalom (killed)
an Abner (killed)
an Adonijah (killed)
a Joab (killed)

16 There are six things which the LORD hates,

Because God hates
Such a man..

Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

v17 An attitude: Pride

17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,

And hands that shed innocent blood,

v18 A thought or Plan

18 A heart that devises wicked plans,

Feet that run rapidly to evil,

v17 talk
v17b unofficial: lies
v19a official: false witness

19 A false witness *who* utters lies,

And one who spreads strife among brothers.

v17c, 18b actions
hands & feet

20 My son, observe the commandment of your father

And do not forsake the teaching of your mother;

v19b Result: Division

21 Bind them continually on your heart;

Tie them around your neck.

v v 22-23 (4)
What you CAN
trust —
The word of God

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

v v 24-35 (5)
The Evil Woman
The Seductress
(or Seducer)

24 To keep you from the evil woman,
From the smooth tongue of the adulteress. — it begins with seduction

25 Do not desire her beauty in your heart,
Nor let her capture you with her eyelids. > then the eyes

26 For on account of a harlot one is reduced to a loaf of bread, — the progress slowly consumed
And an adulteress hunts for the precious life.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom — the effects
And his clothes not be burned? 3rd degree burns from lust

28 Or can a man walk on hot coals
And his feet not be scorched?

29 So is the one who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Destruction and death
Whoever touches her will not go unpunished.

30 Men do not despise a thief if he steals
To satisfy himself when he is hungry;

31 But when he is found, he must repay sevenfold;
He must give all the substance of his house.

32 The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense;
He who would destroy himself does it.

³³ Wounds and disgrace he will find,

And his reproach will not be blotted out.

³⁴ For jealousy enrages a man,

And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

³⁵ He will not accept any ransom,

Nor will he be satisfied though you give many gifts.