

**GOD'S WISDOM FOR LIFE, PART 8:
"CAREFULLY CONSIDER..."**

Proverbs 6:1-19

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To grow in wisdom, carefully consider what you do because what you do reveals what's in your heart.

I. Consider how you handle your finances (vv. 1-5)

- ¹ My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor,
have given your pledge for a stranger,
² if you are snared in the words of your mouth,
caught in the words of your mouth,
³ then do this, my son, and save yourself,
for you have come into the hand of your neighbor:
go, hasten, and plead urgently with your neighbor.
⁴ Give your eyes no sleep
and your eyelids no slumber;
⁵ save yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter,
like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

II. Consider how you handle your work (vv. 6-11)

- ⁶ Go to the ant, O sluggard;
consider her ways, and be wise.
⁷ Without having any chief,
officer, or ruler,
⁸ she prepares her bread in summer
and gathers her food in harvest.
⁹ How long will you lie there, O sluggard?
When will you arise from your sleep?
¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber,

- a little folding of the hands to rest,
¹¹ and poverty will come upon you like a robber,
and want like an armed man.

III. Consider your heart (vv. 12-15)

- ¹² A worthless person, a wicked man,
goes about with crooked speech,
¹³ winks with his eyes, signals with his feet,
points with his finger,
¹⁴ with perverted heart devises evil,
continually sowing discord;
¹⁵ therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly;
in a moment he will be broken beyond healing.

IV. Consider the Lord's heart (vv. 16-19)

- ¹⁶ There are six things that the Lord hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:
¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,
¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,
¹⁹ a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers.