

whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. **15** Instead you *ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." **16** But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. **17** Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

Question: Can you think of any Biblical example or related passage to this sin?

#5 Feet that are swift in running to evil (moral evil, depravity) – they are hasty to do evil, no delay, enthusiastic for being wicked. (Commandments #6-10)

- **Pr 1:16** For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood.
- **Is 59:7** Their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction *are* in their paths.
- **Example:** Gehazi (Elisha's Servant) and Namaan the Leper (2 Kin. 5:20–27)
- Hymn for Prayer:
 - **Hab 3:17** Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls— **18** Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. **19** The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's *feet*, And He will make me walk on my high hills. To the Chief Musician. With my stringed instruments.
- Antidote:
 - **Ps 119:101** I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.
- **Principle:** Examine your pursuits and priorities

Question: Can you think of any Biblical example or related passage to this sin?

#6 A false witness *who speaks lies* – primarily significant disputes, courtroom, etc. (Commandment #9)

- **Dt 19:16** If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, **17** then both men in the controversy shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. **18** And the judges shall

make careful inquiry, and indeed, *if* the witness *is* a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, **19** then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother; so you shall put away the evil from among you. **20** And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. **21** Your eye shall not pity: life *shall be* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

- Example:
 - **1 Ki 21:13** And two men, scoundrels, came in and sat before him; and the scoundrels witnessed against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth has blasphemed God and the king!" Then they took him outside the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died.
 - **Mt 26:59** Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, **60** but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward **61** and said, "This *fellow* said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' "
 - **Note: Jn 2:19** Jesus answered and said to them, " (You) Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
- **Implication:** Judicial system is built on the testimony of truth; without this foundation, justice can not be served.
- Psalm to Pray
 - **Ps 27:1** The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?...**Ps 27:12** Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence....**Ps 27:14** Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!
- Antidote
 - **3 Jn 1:12** Demetrius has a *good* testimony from all, and from the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true.
- Principle
 - Guard the truth and the narrative/story

Question: Can you think of any Biblical example or related passage to this sin?

#7 And one who sows discord among brethren – send or dispatch controversies

- **Ro 16:17** Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. **18** For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.
- **Jud:16** These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage. **17** But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: **18** how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. **19** These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.
- Example
 - Josphe’s Brothers (Ge 37:18)
 - **Ac 15:24** Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "*You must be circumcised and keep the law*"—to whom we gave no *such* commandment—
- **Implication:** This is fleshly and carnal
 - **Unbelievers: Tt 3:3** For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.
 - **Believers: 1 Co 3:1** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. **2** I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; **3** for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere men*? **4** For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I *am* of Apollos," are you not carnal?
- Psalm to Pray
 - ...**Ps 34:14** Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it...
- Antidote
 - **1 Pe 3:10** For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. **11** Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. **12** For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."
 - **Ro 12:18** If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

- Principle
 - Guard the peace

Question: Can you think of any Biblical example or related passage to this sin?

These Seven Sins Illustrated in Israel

- **Is 59:1** Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. **2** But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear. **3** For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity. **4** No one calls for justice, Nor does *any* plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. **5** They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs dies, And *from* that which is crushed a viper breaks out. **6** Their webs will not become garments, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their works *are* works of iniquity, And the act of violence *is* in their hands. **7** Their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction *are* in their paths. **8** The way of peace they have not known, And *there is* no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.

Understand the Common Denominator in these Seven Sins: Evil Heart

- **Mk 7:20** And He (Jesus) said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. **21** For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, **22** thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. **23** All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

General Principle:

1 Co 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

FINANCES: PRINCIPLES TO AVOID FINANCIAL RUIN, PART 4

Proverbs 6:20-35 – Immoral Relationships

Command to Guide:

Pr 6:20 My son, **keep** your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. **21 Bind** them continually upon your heart; **Tie** them around your neck.

[SLIDE] In Proverbs 6:20, what do the father and mother communicate to the son?

1) Father:

2) Mother:

[SLIDE] Sound Familiar?

- **Pr 1:8** My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;
- **Pr 23:22** Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.
 - **Contrast: Pr 30:17** The eye *that* mocks *his* father, And scorns obedience to *his* mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.
 - **Je 16:4** "They shall die gruesome deaths; they shall not be lamented nor shall they be buried, *but* they shall be like refuse on the face of the earth. They shall be consumed by the sword and by famine, and their corpses shall be meat for the birds of heaven and for the beasts of the earth."... **Je 16:12** And you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, each one follows the dictates of his own evil heart, so that no one listens to Me.

[SLIDE] In Proverbs 6:20-21, what are the four commands given by the parents?

1)

2)

3)

4)

[SLIDE] Keywords:

- **Keep (Notser) (Command):** Watchover and guard (Pr 6:20)
 - **Pr 3:1** My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands;
 - **Pr 3:21** My son, let them not depart from your eyes— Keep sound wisdom and discretion;

- **Pr 4:13** Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she *is* your life.
- **Pr 4:23** Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.
- **Command:** Biblical commands to obey & avoid sin. (Behavior – What you do)
- **Don't Forsake (Command, jussive):** reject, abounded, leave the ground unfallowd
- **Law (Torah):** Wisdom and guidance from God's word (Mind – How you think)
- **Bind (Command):** place upon, fasten upon, join two objects by a string, rope, etc.
- **Tie (Command):** not merely the sense of adorn like wearing jewelry, but to fasten one object to another by means of a tie or clasp.
 - **Key:** This is figurative language, and notice both of these are connected to the mind and heart.
 - **New Covenant - Je 31:33** But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Course to Live:

Pr 6:22 When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And *when* you awake, they will speak with you.

[SLIDE] In Proverbs 6:22, what are the son's three activities and the three activities of the word? List them below.

ACTIVITIES OF THE SON

ACTIVITIES OF THE WORD

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

[SLIDE] Verb Progression & Parallelism:

① **Roam** (walking, living life implied) → ② **Sleep** (lie down to sleep, end your day) → ③ **Awake** (arise from sleeping, start your day)
① **Lead** (direct, guide) → ② **Keep** (Shomer) (Guard) → ③ **Speak** (communicate, instruct)

Illustration: Don't Leave Home Without It

- **Cross-Reference: Roam - Job 2:2** And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."
- **Cross-Reference: Sleep - Pr 3:24** When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.
- Keeps:
 - Keeps (nastor) – Guard one's way (Proverbs 6:20)
 - Keeps (shomer) – Guard one's life (Proverbs 6:22)
- **Cross-Reference: Speak - 2 Ti 4:2** Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Implication: The word of God is your 24/7 support line! 1-800-Call-God! (Don't call, you will get a salesperson!)

Check to Correct

Pr 6:23 For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life,

[SLIDE] Circle the three different words for the "word of God" and their corresponding metaphors in Proverbs 6:23 and list them below.

NAMES FOR THE WORD OF GOD

METAPHOR

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

- [SLIDE] **Cross-Reference: Ps 119:105** Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
- **Reproofs:** Reprimand, Rebuke, and/or Punishment
- **Way of Life:** The path to eternal life includes correction in this life
 - **Pr 10:17** He who keeps instruction *is in* the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray.
 - **Pr 15:24** The way of life *winds* upward for the wise, That he may turn away from hell below.

- **Je 21:8** "Now you shall say to this people, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death."
- **Implication:** The world is dark, and without the lamp's light, one would not be able to find their way.
- **Implication:** Dad and Mom are tasked by the Lord with instructing, correcting, disciplining, and leading by example.
 - [SLIDE] **Pr 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.
 - Christ Connection (Christ is Light and Wisdom)
 - [SLIDE] **Jn 8:12** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
 - **1 Co 1:26** For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. **27** But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; **28** and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, **29** that no flesh should glory in His presence. **30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—**31** that, as it is written, "*He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.*"
 - [SLIDE] **Jn 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

[SLIDE] Hinge Verse/Transition/Purpose

Pr 6:24 To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.

- Keeps (shomer) – Guard one's life (Proverbs 6:22)

Theme: Difference: Proverbs 5 primarily comes from the perspective of a married man and the temptation of infidelity. Proverbs 6:24-35 is about the single man and the temptation of sexual immorality.

- **Flattering and seductress:** the kind of speech that entices and deceives

- **Implication:** Contrast the seductress speech with the speech of Dad and Mom, and you can see the two different paths and motives: Light vs. Darkness, Life vs. Death, Obedience vs. Disobedience, and Love vs. Lust.
- [SLIDE] **Application:** You and I face this choice every day between the Word and the World; who do we listen to?

Command:

Pr 6:25 Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.

What are the two descriptions and two warnings given to the son about a particular type of woman in Proverbs 6:24-25?

DESCRIPTIONS

WARNINGS

- 1)
- 2)

- **Do Not Lust (Command, Jussive):** Covet – Same word from Exodus 20:17 (10th Commandment)
 - **Ex 20:17** "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor's."
- Nor let her Allure you (Command, Jussive): to seize and capture,
- Beauty: Afar
 - **2 Sa 11:2** Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold.
 - **1 Ki 15:4** Nevertheless for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him and by establishing Jerusalem; **5** because David did *what was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.
- Eyelids: Near
 - **Pr 6:25** Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids. **26** For by means of a harlot *A man is reduced* to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.
- [SLIDE] Egyptian Wisdom

Beware of a woman who is a stranger,
One not known in her town;
Don't stare at her when she goes by,
Do not know her carnally.
A deep water whose course is unknown,
Such is a woman away from her husband.
"I am pretty," she tells you daily
When she has no witnesses;
She is ready to ensnare you,
A great deadly crime when it is heard⁷

- **Implication:** The progression here is unmistakable; the man is drawn near and captured.
 - **Jas 1:13** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **14** But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. **15** Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. **16** Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

[SLIDE] Consume:

Pr 6:26 For by means of a harlot *A man is reduced* to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.

[SLIDE] In Proverbs 6:26, what are the two types of sexually immoral women are mentioned? List them below.

1)
2)

- Harlot & Adulteress (אִשָּׁה) – a general term for women, so the context and parallelism imply a woman who is sexually immoral.
 - **Le 19:29** 'Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot (haznot), lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.
- This is not the only time "death" is connected to the "adulteress"

⁷ Bernd U. Schipper, *Proverbs 1–15: A Commentary on the Book of Proverbs 1:1–15:33*, ed. Thomas Krüger, trans. Stephen Germany, Hermeneia (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2019), 238.

- **Pr 2:18** For her (adulteress) house leads down to death, And her paths to the dead; **19** None who go to her return, Nor do they regain the paths of life—
- **Pr 5:5** Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of hell. **6** Lest you ponder *her* path of life— Her ways are unstable; You do not know *them*.
- **Pr 9:13** A foolish woman is clamorous; *She is* simple, and knows nothing. **14** For she sits at the door of her house, On a seat *by* the highest places of the city, **15** To call to those who pass by, Who go straight on their way: **16** "Whoever *is* simple, let him turn in here"; And *as for* him who lacks understanding, she says to him, **17** "Stolen water is sweet, And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant." **18** But he does not know that the dead *are* there, *That* her guests *are* in the depths of hell.
- **Pr 23:27** For a harlot *is* a deep pit, And a seductress *is* a narrow well. **28** She also lies in wait as *for* a victim, And increases the unfaithful among men.
- **Ec 7:26** And I find more bitter than death The woman whose heart *is* snares and nets, Whose hands *are* fetters. He who pleases God shall escape from her, But the sinner shall be trapped by her.

[SLIDE] Consideration #1 (Rhetorical Question)

Pr 6:27 Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?

Note: Bosom and clothes imply the fold of his pockets, which eludes to hiding or concealing.

- Answer: No
- **Expression:** If you play with fire, you get burned (1655)
 - **Fire** (אֵשׁ) (*esh*) uses similar letters for **Woman** (אִשָּׁה) (*ishsha*) in Hebrew

[SLIDE] Consideration #2: (Rhetorical Question)

Pr 6:28 Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared?

- Answer: No
 - **Note:** Hot embers of coal. No ash or wood. (Video Illustration)

Implication: Fire in this passage is certainly describing the painful consequence of this sin through an earthly analogy. But one, can not ignore the eternal repercussions as well.

- **Re 21:8** But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
- But there is hope and forgiveness in this life:
 - **1 Co 6:9** Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, **10** nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

[SLIDE] Certainty of Consequences:

Pr 6:29 So *is* he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

- **Touches:** meaning can range from merely handling to something violent. However, it is a euphemism for physical intimacy.
- **Not be Innocent:** to be punished

[SLIDE] Consideration #3:

Pr 6:30 *People* do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.
31 Yet *when* he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house.

- **Despise:** Show contempt
- **Implication:** This text reveals that motivation and empathy are not considered when breaking the law. There are consequences.
- **Sevenfold:** Full and complete judgment
 - **Ex 22:1** "If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a sheep.
- **"Give up All"** – reveals that adultery has far greater consequences.

[SLIDE] Consequence (Corruption):

Pr 6:32 Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He *who* does so destroys his own soul.

- Here we see the corruption of the mind and insight into future judgment.
 - **Next Week: Pr 7:7** And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, A young man devoid of understanding, **8** Passing along the street near her corner; And he took the path to her house **9** In the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night. **10** And there a woman met him, *With* the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.
 - **Je 5:8** They were *like* well-fed lusty stallions; Every one neighed after his neighbor's wife.
 - See Ro 1:22-32 for the downward spiral of sin

[SLIDE] Consequence (Character Ruined):

Pr 6:33 Wounds (affliction) and dishonor (shame) he will get, And his reproach (disgrace) will not be wiped away.

- This passage is not implying unforgiveness, but that society will never forget the scandal. Israel did not always follow through on punishment.
 - **Dt 22:22** "If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die—the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil from Israel. **23** "If a young woman *who is* a virgin is betrothed to a husband, and a man finds her in the city and lies with her, **24** then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones, the young woman because she did not cry out in the city, and the man because he humbled his neighbor's wife; so you shall put away the evil from among you.

[SLIDE] Consequence (No Mercy):

Pr 6:34 For jealousy *is* a husband's fury (wrath, heat, anger, rage); Therefore he will not spare (no compassion) in the day of vengeance (revenge).

- This whole passage reveals the emotional, intellectual, and physical response of the husband seeking restitution.
- It leaves the reader with the question, is there a limit to reaction? The next verse answers this question.

[SLIDE] Consequence (No Appeasement):

Pr 6:35 He will accept no recompense (bribe, atonement, payment to avoid the penalty), Nor will he be appeased (yield) though you give many gifts.

- This verse reveals the husband can not be restrained.

In Proverbs 6:27-35, adultery is the focus. List all the consequences, direct, indirect, or illustrated.

- 1) Proverbs 6:27 –
- 2) Proverbs 6:28 –
- 3) Proverbs 6:29 –
- 4) Proverbs 6:30-31 –
- 5) Proverbs 6:32 –
- 6) Proverbs 6:33 –
- 7) Proverbs 6:34 –
- 8) Proverbs 6:35 –

Question: What principle can we derive from this text, even when we are not engaged in this specific sin?

"Unrestrained Lust Unleashes Unrestrained Consequences."