

Diligent in the Lord > Proverbs 6:1-19

6:1-5 *Be diligent in avoiding entanglements.* Throughout Proverbs, warnings are given that it is usually unwise to become financially responsible for others. The situation depicted here is one of those times, and the son is to make every effort to get out of his risky agreement.

6:6-11 *Be diligent in planning for the future.* Through a wonderful example from God's created world, Solomon shows that planning for the future – working hard now, while there is time – is wise. To do otherwise invites hardship, ruin, or worse.

6:12-19 *Be diligent about the state of your heart and mind.* Just as the son is called to be wise about what he gets involved with and about planning for the future, he also needs to pay attention to the present state of his actions and thinking: do they glorify God? Or invite His judgment?

Context: In chapter 4, the call was to embrace wisdom in your manner of life. In chapter 5, it was to embrace wisdom when it comes to marriage and relationships. In these early verses of chapter 6, we are to embrace wisdom in how we act, plan, and think in everyday life.

Aim: To show how wisdom should guide us practically.

Gospel: Christ alone is the One who has lived perfectly wisely – He knows what it is to be tempted by sin and foolishness. Therefore, His work aids us with our sin and guides us to joy.

Applications: Are you diligent about growing in the Lord? What patterns will you make (or break) this week and year?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
