

Message #21**Proverbs 6:12-19**

There is a hellish type of person who will attempt to creep into every society–business, politics, church—and he is one who will do whatever it takes to make sure he gets his own way.

Solomon's own half-brother, Absalom, had been such a man (II Sam. 15-18). He schemed and lied his way to the top even over his own father, David, but he didn't last long.

GOD CONSIDERS A PERSON WHO USES DECEITFUL TACTICS TO DOMINATE OTHERS TO BE WORTHLESS AND SOMEDAY HE WILL CRUSH THOSE WHO DO SUCH THINGS.

God is keeping record of everything people do and everything people say.

In the first part of **verse 12**, Solomon gives God's classification for such a person—he is worthless and he is wicked. The Hebrew word “worthless” is one that means useless, one without any benefit. The word “wicked” is one that comes from a root which means empty or nothing.

When you read these verses, you realize that God hates those who use deceitful tactics to get their own way.

POINT #1 – Why God considers such a person worthless. **6:12b-14**

(**Tactic #1**) - A worthless person deceives with his speech. **6:12b**

(**Tactic #2**) - A worthless person deceives with his eyes. **6:13a**

(**Tactic #3**) - A worthless person deceives with his feet. **6:13b**

(**Tactic #4**) - A worthless person deceives with his fingers. **6:13c**

(**Tactic #5**) - A worthless person is a fraud. **6:14a**

(**Tactic #6**) - A worthless person continually is the source of evil. **6:14b**

(**Tactic #7**) - A worthless person wrecks harmony. **6:14c**

POINT #2 – What God intends to do to such a person. **6:15**

God intends to suddenly crush and tear such a person to pieces. Notice the word “suddenly” or “instantly” appears twice in this verse stressing great speed. The word “calamity” refers to heavy, destructive crushing.

POINT #3 – What God thinks of deceitful people. 6:16-19

Verse 16 is very sober; one who uses deceit to conquer others is viewed by God to be hated and to be an abomination. The word “hate” is a word that means to hate in the sense of looking at someone as an enemy. The word “abomination” is one that speaks of something that is totally detestable to God, something He considers to be very impure.

When the numbers are given in such a way as in **verse 16**, “these six...yes seven,” it is not that the writer forgot one and then decided to add something to the list; rather this is a Hebrew poetic device which emphasizes the last one on the list.

(Object #1) - God hates a proud look. **6:17a**

(Object #2) - God hates a lying tongue. **6:17b**

The Hebrew root for “lying” is one that means coloring.

(Object #3) - God hates an undeserved murder. **6:17c**

(Object #4) - God hates a heart of wicked schemes. **6:18a**

(Object #5) - God hates those eager to involve themselves in evil. **6:18b**

(Object #6) - God hates perjury. **6:19a**

(Object #7) - God hates a destroyer of harmony. **6:19b**

God wants His people living in truth, righteousness, humility and harmony. Those who refuse will reap serious consequences.