

“Wisdom Avoids Pitfalls”

Proverbs 6:1-15

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1. Financial Pitfalls – 1-5

The overriding principle in all Biblical passages about the believer and money is that God owns it all.

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Throughout God’s Word there is a principle that the preferred way to help those in need is to give

Rather than to loan or co-sign a loan

By co-signing you may be preventing God from teaching the person a lesson about money

2. Laziness Pitfalls – 6-11

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We can learn important lessons from ants:

- Ants don’t have to be forced to work
- Ants aren’t lazy
- Ants are examples of hard work
- Ants don’t need slave drivers to make sure they get up in the morning and get their work done
- Ants work without fail regardless of weather, etc.

To help us be wise concerning laziness, let’s consider what the Bible teaches about work:

- Work was part of God’s plan for man before the fall – Genesis 2:15; Psalm 104:23 in context of vs. 10-24 about all God’s creation having a “job” to do
- Work was made more difficult as part of the curse of sin – Genesis 3:19
- Work was commanded by God – Exodus 20:9-11
- Work is used by God to supply us with the necessities of life – Proverbs 28:19
- Work is to be balanced by trust in the Lord – Luke 12:20-21
- Work enables us to help others – Ephesians 4:28
- Work is to be for God Who is our ultimate boss – Ephesians 6:5-8

### 3. Perverted Heart Pitfalls – 12-15

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The term “worthless person” describes a person who has become totally wicked and perverse. The Old Testament uses this term for the following types of people:

- Tries to turn people from God – Deuteronomy 13:14
- Misuses sex – Judges 19:22; 20:13
- Treats the things of God with contempt – 1 Samuel 2:12-17
- Destructive in relationships – 1 Samuel 30:22
- Rebellious toward authority – 2 Samuel 20:1; 2 Chronicles 13:7
- Destructive with his lies – 1 Kings 21:10; Proverbs 19:28