

Proverbs Series

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Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”

Proverbs

Guide for Skillful Living

DEATH

LIFE

**“Warnings Against
Self-Destruction”
Proverbs 6:1–19**

10 Lessons on Wisdom: Prov. 1:8–9:18

- 6. Instruction on how to run well, and seize life, and stay off the HVP road, 4:10–19**
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**Insight: Qualities of Self-Destructions:
Three Patterns to Avoid, 6:1–19**

**Prov. 6:1, “My son, if you become surety for your
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זָרַר *zar* “stranger”

**Prov. 11:15, “He who is surety for a stranger will
suffer,
But one who hates being surety is secure.”**

Prov. 17:18, “A man devoid of understanding [‘lacks heart’] shakes hands in a pledge,

And becomes surety for his friend.”

**Prov. 20:16, “Take the garment of one who is surety
for a stranger,
And hold it as a pledge when it is for a seductress.”
[repeated, 27:13]**

Ex. 22:26, “If you ever take your neighbor’s garment as a pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down.

Ex. 22:27, “For that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin. What will he sleep in? And it will be that when he cries to Me, I will hear, for I am gracious.”

**Prov. 22:26, “Do not be one of those who shakes
hands in a pledge,
One of those who is surety for debts;”**

**Prov. 6:2, “You are snared by the words of your mouth;
You are taken by the words of your mouth.”**

**Prov. 6:3, “So do this, my son, and deliver yourself;
For you have come into the hand of your friend:
Go and humble yourself; Plead with your friend.”**

**Do this
Deliver**

**Go
Humble yourself
Plead**

**Prov. 6:4, “Give no sleep to your eyes,
Nor slumber to your eyelids.”**

**Prov. 6:5, “Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter,
And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.”**

**Prov. 6:6, “Go to the ant, you sluggard!
Consider her ways and be wise,**

**Prov. 6:7, “Which, having no captain,
Overseer or ruler,**

**Prov. 6:8, “Provides her supplies in the summer,
And gathers her food in the harvest.”**

**Prov. 6:9, “How long will you slumber, O sluggard?
When will you rise from your sleep?”**

**Prov. 6:10, “A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep—**

**Prov. 6:11, “So shall your poverty come on you like a
proowler,
And your need like an armed man.”**

Prov. 13:18, “Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.”

Prov. 14:23, “In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty.”

Prov. 21:5, “The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.”

Prov. 22:16, “He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches, And he who gives to the rich, will surely come to poverty.”

Prov. 28:19, “He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!”

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adam b^eliyy'al

a rebellious, insolent troublemaker

One who incites others to rebellion

**Prov. 6:13, “He winks with his eyes,
He shuffles his feet,
He points with his fingers;”**

**Prov. 6:14, “Perversity is in his heart,
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strife, stirs up controversy

**Prov. 6:15, “Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly;
Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.”**

Connections Between 6:12–15 and 6:16–19

Lying mouth, v. 12b

Lying tongue, v. 17b

Eyes, v. 13a

Eyes, v. 17a

Feet, v. 13

Feet, v. 18b

Fingers (hand), v. 13c

**Hands that shed
innocent blood, v. 17c**

Perverse heart, v. 14a

Perverse heart, v. 18:a

Sows discord

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**Prov. 6:16, “These six things the LORD hates,
Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:**

**Prov. 6:17,
“A proud look,
A lying tongue,
Hands that shed innocent blood,”**

Prov. 6:18,

**“A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that are swift in running to evil,”**

**Prov. 6:19, “A false witness who speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among brethren.”**