

Grace Bible Chapel
Sunday, Dec 14th, 2025
Surety, Sluggards, and Scoundrels
Proverbs 6

v.1, *“My son, if you have become surety for your neighbor, have given a pledge for a stranger...”*
v.5, *“Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hunter’s hand And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.”*

v.6, *“Go to the ant, O sluggard, observe her ways and be wise...”*
vv.10-11, *“A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest –”*
“Your poverty will come in like a vagabond, And your need like an armed man.”

v.12, *“A worthless person, a wicked man, is the one who walks with a perverse mouth...”*
v.16, *“There are six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him...”*

Introduction: _____

I. **The Careless Surety:** (vv. 1-5) _____

II. **The Comfort-Loving Sluggard:** (vv.6-11) _____

III. ***The Contentious Scoundrel:*** (vv.12-19)

Conclusion:

Reflection Questions:

1. Where am I most tempted to make careless promises that actually hand over my God-given stewardship and put my household at risk?
2. Where do I see the sluggard's pattern in my life as I tell myself, "*just a little more*" rest, delay, or distraction instead of embracing the work and responsibilities the Lord has clearly given me?
3. How have my words recently contributed to strife rather than peace, whether through shading the truth, gossiping, or stirring drama instead of pursuing peace, reconciliation, and unity?
4. What specific step of repentance and obedience do I need to take this week in my money, my work, or my words in order to walk in the wisdom of Christ instead of the folly of the surety, the sluggard, or the scoundrel?

Heart Check

- A wise heart trembles at sin and handles money, work, and words with reverent care, while a foolish heart treats sin lightly and God's holiness cheaply.
- Where am I excusing carelessness, laziness, or contentious words in my life, and what specific step of repentance and obedience is the Lord putting in front of me today?

"He that is not a son of Peace is not a son of God. All other sins destroy the Church consequentially; but Division and Separation demolish it directly."

Richard Baxter