

Grace Bible Chapel

Sunday, Jan 11th, 2026

Beware of the Contentious Scoundrel

Proverbs 6:12-19

v.12 – “A worthless person, a wicked man, Is the one who walks with a perverse mouth,
v.13 – “Who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet, Who points with his fingers;
v.14 – “Who with perversity in his heart continually devises evil, Who spreads strife.
v.15 – “Therefore his calamity will come suddenly; Instantly he will be broken and there will be no healing.

v.16 – “There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:
v.17 – “Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,
v.18 – “A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil,
v.19 – “A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.”

Introduction: _____

I. **Seven Marks** of a scoundrel: (vv. 12-14) _____

II. **Seven Sins** that are an abomination to God: (vv.16-19) _____

III. **One Terrifying Outcome** that awaits such men/women: (v.15)_____

Conclusion: _____

Reflection Questions:

1. How can I grow in my discernment to recognize and avoid the kind of person whose presence consistently brings strife and division among God’s people?
2. Do my words and actions reflect a heart that loves truth, or a heart that bends truth to gain influence?
3. When concerns arise, whether by me or others, am I addressing them biblically and directly in love, or am I participating in back-channel conversations, unproven accusations, and gossip?
4. Do I tremble at God’s verdict on the contentious scoundrel and cherish the unity of Christ’s church as something precious to Him?

Heart Check

- Proudful deceit fractures what God loves, but Christlike humility clings to truth and seeks the peace and unity of His Spirit. What do my words or silence, my actions or inactions reveal about my heart?

“What the Lord laments and opposes, Satan applauds and fosters. Few things demoralize, discourage, and weaken a church as much as bickering, backbiting and fighting among its members... Because of quarrelling the Father is dishonored, the Son is disgraced, His people are demoralized and discredited, and the world is turned off and confirmed in unbelief. Fractured fellowship robs Christians of joy and effectiveness, robs God of glory, and robs the world of the true testimony of the gospel. A high price for an ego trip!

John MacArthur – MNTC, 1 Corinthians