

Ruin

Video of ruins

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The Proverbs instruct us in how to avoid ruin.

Proverbs 5:21-23

Things that lead to ruin:

Indolence—having a disposition to avoid exertion (laziness)

- **Proverbs 6:6-11**
- Antman—steady, consistent hard worker
 - Team player
 - Pulls own weight (lift up to 100x own weight)
 - Laziness causes the necessary things to remain beyond our reach
 - A sloth sleeps 15-18 hours daily
 - "God understands why I don't _____," is the mantra of the indolent. tithe, serve, work {too hot, too cold, too early, too late, weekends, too many hours, too hard, too little pay, etc.}
 - Ants don't get discouraged. They are self-motivated.
 - "The lazy man will not plow because of winter; he will beg during harvest and have nothing." - **Proverbs 20:4**

Adultery

- **Proverbs 6:20-29—bad consequences**
- **v. 30-35**
 - Even a thief who steals just trying to feed his family, if caught will pay for it dearly.
 - Whoever commits adultery will certainly pay dearly. It destroys his own soul
- **Proverbs 5:15-20**
 - Drink water from your own well
 - Put energy and effort into your marriage

Dishonesty & Greed

- **Proverbs 11:1-6**
- **v. 24-28—Generosity**

Substance abuse

- **Proverbs 20:1**
- **v. 23:29-35**
- **Isaiah 28:7-8**
- Lives are ruined by alcohol & drugs
- Partying and pot smoking steals ambition.
- **Moderation or abstinence**

Ruin Discussion Guide

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Read Proverbs 6:1-11

- ▲ What are the characteristics of ants?
- ▲ What characteristics of ants should we emulate?
- ▲ What should lazy people expect?
- ▲ Indolence is having a disposition to avoid exertion.
- ▲ Why do some people work so hard in avoiding real productive work?
- ▲ Read and discuss Proverbs 20:4.

Read Proverbs 6:20-29

- ▲ Why do people cheat on their spouses? What are the underlying causes?
- ▲ How does adultery burn the adulterer?
- ▲ How do people believe that they can avoid the negative consequences of bad behavior?
- ▲ Read and discuss Proverbs 6:30-35.

Read Proverbs 5:15-20

- ▲ According to this passage, whose responsibility is it to keep love alive in the marriage relationship?
- ▲ Pastor Stan says, "No one ever fell out of love. People stop loving." What does this mean?
- ▲ Husbands are to be enraptured with their own wives. Enraptured is to be carried away with deep emotion, especially love or joy. Synonyms are: bliss, delight, and ecstasy. What does it mean to be enraptured with your spouse?
- ▲ What would marriage look like if both spouses gave the same energy and focus that it takes to have an affair?