

Scripture

Proverbs 6:1-19 (NLT)

Lessons for Daily Life

- 1 My child, if you have put up security for a friend's debt or agreed to guarantee the debt of a stranger—
- 2 if you have trapped yourself by your agreement and are caught by what you said—
- 3 follow my advice and save yourself, for you have placed yourself at your friend's mercy.

Now swallow your pride;
go and beg to have your name erased.

4 Don't put it off; do it now!

Don't rest until you do.

5 Save yourself like a gazelle escaping from
a hunter, like a bird fleeing from a net.

6 Take a lesson from the ants,
you lazybones.

Learn from their ways and become wise!

7 Though they have no prince

or governor or ruler to make them work,

8 they labor hard all summer,

gathering food for the winter.

- 9 But you, lazybones, how long will you
Sleep? When will you wake up?
- 10 A little extra sleep, a little more slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest—
- 11 then poverty will pounce on you like a
bandit; scarcity will attack you like an
armed robber.
- 12 What are worthless and wicked people
like? They are constant liars,
- 13 signaling their deceit with a wink of the
eye, a nudge of the foot, or the wiggle
of fingers.

- 14 Their perverted hearts plot evil,
and they constantly stir up trouble.
- 15 But they will be destroyed suddenly,
broken in an instant beyond all hope of
Healing.
- 16 There are six things the Lord hates—
no, seven things he detests:
- 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
hands that kill the innocent,
- 18 a heart that plots evil,
feet that race to do wrong,
- 19 a false witness who pours out lies,
a person who sows discord in a family.