

Small Group Discussion Guide

“A Wise Person Avoids”

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Discussion Points

- **Avoid Loans:** Read Proverbs 6:1-5; 11:15; 17:18; 22:26

Have you put up security for another? Are you thinking of doing so? If so, what do you hear God saying to you and urging you to do?

- **Avoid Laziness:** Read Proverbs 6:6-11; 26:14-16

Laziness is the epitome of foolishness. In what ways do you tend to be lazy? How does this impact others who depend on you? How can you teach the biblical work ethic to your children?

When someone is in legitimate need (loss of a job or health issues, etc), HELP them. But we must not be poor due to laziness. Who do you know who is in legitimate need? Can you help?

Discuss this together and apply it to your own life: “Laziness is, at the root, a failure to love. While others work to provide for self and family caring for others the loafers want to be carried.”

Read Colossians 3:23. What difference would it make if you looked at your work and daily tasks this way? (NO man is happy if he doesn't work. Idle people are miserable. Lazy people are fools.)

- **Avoid Troublemakers:** Read Proverbs 6:12-15

In what ways do you or are you tempted to “stir up trouble” by your words or actions in your home, work, church? Read verse 15 again and consider what God is saying to you. What will repentance look like? If someone gossips to you about someone else, sooner or later they will be gossiping about you too. Don't get involved. Avoid a gossip and troublemaker.

- **Avoid Hate:** Read Proverbs 6:16-19 (All 7 are characteristics of Lucifer)

Which of the seven are you most tempted to emulate and why? Which are you best at avoiding and why? What will it take for you to avoid all seven? “A wise person hates what God hates.”

- **Avoid Lust:** Read Proverbs 6:20-35

“Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread...” **Nothing feeds adultery like fantasy.**

Do you have a plan in place to avoid lust and sexual temptation (Bouncing your eyes for example). What is it? If not will you put one in place and ask someone in your group to hold you accountable?

Big Idea:

“Five ways to avoid personal destruction.”

Main Text:

Proverbs 6