Big Lessons, Tiny Teacher, Huge Consequences (Proverbs 6)

- I. Introduction: Pass it on (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
 - 2 Timothy 2:2
 - Philippians 4:9
- II. Exposition: Proverbs 6
 - A. Lessons about Surety (vv. 1-5)
 - 1. The <u>situation</u> (vv. 1-2)
 - 2. The <u>solution</u> (vv. 3-5)
 - B. Lessons about **Slothfulness** (vv. 6-11)
 - 1. The <u>desire</u> (v. 6)
 - 2. The diligence (vv. 7-8)
 - 3. The **deficit** (vv. 9-11)
 - C. Lessons about <u>Speech</u> and <u>Strife</u> (vv. 12-15)
 - 1. The <u>scoundrel</u> (vv. 12-13)
 - 2. The <u>strife</u> (v. 14)
 - 3. The <u>setback</u> (v. 15)
 - D. Lessons about <u>Seven Things</u> God Hates (vv. 16-19)
 - 1. The haughty <u>eyes</u>
 - 2. The lying tongue
 - 3. The **hands** that shed innocent blood
 - 4. The <u>heart</u> that devises wicked plans
 - 5. The <u>feet</u> that run rapidly to evil
 - 6. The **false** witness who utters **lies**

- 7. The one who spreads <u>strife</u> among brothers
- E. Lessons about **Sexual Immorality** (vv. 20-35)
 - 1. The precepts (vv. 20-23)
 - 2. The **protection** (vv. 24-25)
 - 3. The **poverty** (v. 26)
 - 4. The <u>pictures</u> (vv. 27-28)
 - 5. The **punishment** (vv. 29-35)
 - The destruction
 - The disgrace
 - The day of vengeance
- III. Conclusion: Pass it on?

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

- 1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
- 2. Why should we avoid being surety for others?
- 3. What lessons do we learn from the ant, the tiniest of teachers, specifically with regard to diligence as opposed to slothfulness?
- 4. Much is said in this chapter about speech. Which verses and thoughts most impact you in the area of speech?
- 5. We are told that God hates certain things. Which one most sticks out to you and why?
- 6. In Proverbs 6, we once again see warnings against sexual immorality and specifically against adultery. What are some of the huge consequences which this chapter brings out with regard to this sin?
- 7. What most impacts you from the conclusion?
- 8. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will..." (What is your action point?)

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