

Dumbest: Antagonizing God

God's Revolutionary Wisdom (Part 35)

Proverbs 6:12-19

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¹² A worthless person, an abusive man,
Is he who walks with a twisted mouth,
¹³ Winks with his eyes, signals with¹ his foot,
Points with his fingers,
¹⁴ *With* perversities in his heart
Devises evil at all times.
He spreads conflicts.
¹⁵ Therefore his calamity will come suddenly,
He shall be broken instantly,
And *with* no healing.

¹⁶ Six things they are, Yahweh hates —
in fact, seven are abominations to His soul.
¹⁷ Haughty² eyes,
A deceptive tongue,
And hands shedding innocent blood;
¹⁸ A heart devising abusive plans,
Feet hastening to run to evil,
¹⁹ A deceptive witness *who* breathes out lies,
And one spreading conflicts between brothers.
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Introduction:

I. Overview: the Lists Compared (6:12-19)

A. What They Share

1. *Both* advance the first two sections:
2. *Both* show body-parts wholly used for evil
3. *Both* have the heart at the heart
4. *Both* feature what we'd think of as largely "horizontal" sins
5. *Both* end on the same climactic sin
6. *Both* share *two* unspoken organizing thoughts

B. Where They Differ

1. The numbers escalate:
2. The first *ends* with judgment, the second *starts* with it

C. What We Learn

II. The Worthless Abuser (6:12-15)

A. _____ He ____ (v. 12a)

B. What He _____ (vv. 12b-14)

1. With his *mouth* (v. 12b)
2. With his *eyes, feet* and *fingers* (v. 13)
3. With his *heart* (v. 14a)

¹ Or "shuffles."

² Literally "exalted."

Deut 6:5, 6; Ps. 86:11

4. With his *whole person* (v. 14b)

C. _____ He _____ (v. 15)

III. The Six... No, Seven Abominations (6:16-19)

A. The Count-_____ (v. 16)

1. What the *form* teaches us

2. What the *words* teach us: that God is *personal* and *moral*

B. The Crimes (vv. 17-19a)

1. Overall
 - a. Top to bottom

 - b. Each department of the person:

2. Specifically
 - a. “Haughty eyes” (v. 17)

 - b. “A deceptive tongue” (v. 17)

 - c. “And hands shedding innocent blood” (v. 17)

 - d. “A heart devising abusive plans” (v. 18)

 - e. “Feet hastening to run to evil” (v. 18)

 - f. “A deceptive witness *who* breathes out lies” (v. 19a)

C. The Climax (v. 19b)

1. God means...

Prov 10:12

2. And so today

3. What spreads conflicts?
 - a. Often, it’s a gossip (Proverbs 16:28)

 - b. The solution is fairly straightforward: he must be isolated and expelled

20:19
22:10
26:20–21

IV. The Surprise Lesson (_____ : _____ - _____)

A. Parallel Truths

B. Positive Thrust