

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* In our study of the book of Proverbs, we have been considering some Pearls of Wisdom.
- \* Over the past two weeks we have considered some of the character traits that are revealed in chapter 6. In each of these we have considered a positive trait, or attribute: trustworthiness and diligence, respectively.
- \* Today, however, we run into a portion where a certain "type" of individual is just outright denounced and condemned - "The Worthless Man."

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE D \_\_\_\_\_ OF "A WORTHLESS MAN" (v. 12a)**

- \* cf. Deuteronomy 13:13; Judges 19:22; 20:13; 1 Samuel 1:16; 2:12; 10:27; 25:17,25; 30:22; 2 Samuel 16:7; 20:1;
- \* cf. 1 Kings 21:10,13; 2 Chron 13:7; Nahum 1:1,11-15
- \* cf. Proverbs 10:2; 11:4

**II. THE D \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE WORTHLESS MAN****A. He W \_\_\_\_\_ With a Perverse Mouth (v. 12b; cf. Prov 19:28)**

- \* cf. Proverbs 11:20; 17:20; 19:1; 22:5; 28:6

**B. He W \_\_\_\_\_ With His Eyes (v. 13a; Proverbs 10:10)****C. He C \_\_\_\_\_ With His Feet (v. 13b)**

- \* cf. Genesis 21:7; Job 8:2; 33:3; Psalm 106:2

**D. He P \_\_\_\_\_ With His Fingers (v. 13c)****E. He D \_\_\_\_\_ Evil Continually Because Perversity is in His Heart (v. 14a-b)**

## 1. Devises

- \* cf. Prov 11:12; 17:28; 20:4
- \* cf. 1 Samuel 23:9; Proverbs 3:29; 12:20; 14:22; 6:18

## 2. Perversity

- \* Prov 2:11-14; 8:13; 10:31,32; 16:28,30; 23:31-33

**F. He S \_\_\_\_\_ Discord (v. 14c; Prov 16:27)**

- \* cf. Proverbs 15:18; 16:28; 22:10; 26:20; 28:25; 29:22

**III. THE D \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE WORTHLESS MAN (v. 15)****IV. THE D \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE WORTHLESS MAN (v. 16-19)****A. He is an A \_\_\_\_\_ to YHWH (v. 16-19)****B. He is the A \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:14-17)****INTROSPECTION**

- \* HOW WOULD GOD DESCRIBE YOU?
- \* ARE YOU BETTER DESCRIBED BY "SON OF BELIAL" ... OR "FOLLOWER OF CHRIST"?
- \* ARE YOU USEFUL AND PROFITABLE TO THE KINGDOM?
- \* ARE YOU HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* The word Ya'al (useful; profitable) is used in the Hebrew translation of the New Testament. Consider each of the following passages considering who then would be a "man of worth." Matthew 16:24-27 (v. 26); Galatians 5:1-2 (v.2); 1 Timothy 4:6-8 (v. 8); James 2:14-17 (v. 14)