

# Buck and Ball Wisdom



—Life Hacks Week 9—

*Proverbs 6 (NIV)*

- 30 People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his hunger when he is starving.
- 31 Yet if he is caught, he must pay sevenfold, though it costs him all the wealth of his house.
- 32 But a man who commits adultery has no sense; whoever does so destroys himself.
- 33 Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away.
- 34 For jealousy arouses a husband's fury, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge.
- 35 He will not accept any compensation; he will refuse a bribe, however great it is.

## The Bottom Line

**Let** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your** \_\_\_\_\_  
**and** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your** \_\_\_\_\_

- ... by \_\_\_\_\_ need for \_\_\_\_\_.
- ... by \_\_\_\_\_ of these \_\_\_\_\_ hurts \_\_\_\_\_.
- ... by taking \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ *now*:

*I will make this specific change in my life this week:*

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### Summer Suggestion

Either read one chapter a day (the chapter that corresponds to each day of the month: on August 13 read chapter 13) or memorize one verse a week and reflect on it every day that week (this week's suggestion: pick a verse or two from this chapter).



Shot through the heart!  
And you're to blame...

**Shot 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **of** \_\_\_\_\_

- 6:1 My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, if you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,
- 2 you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth.
- 3 So do this, my son, to free yourself, since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands: Go—to the point of exhaustion—and give your neighbor no rest!
- 4 Allow no sleep to your eyes, no slumber to your eyelids.
- 5 Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

**Shot 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!
- 7 It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,
- 8 yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

<sup>9</sup> How long will you lie there, you sluggard?

When will you get up from your sleep?

<sup>10</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber,

a little folding of the hands to rest—

<sup>11</sup> and poverty will come on you like a thief  
and scarcity like an armed man.

**Shot 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **before** \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>12</sup> A troublemaker and a villain,

who goes about with a corrupt mouth,

<sup>13</sup> who winks maliciously with his eye,  
signals with his feet

and motions with his fingers,

<sup>14</sup> who plots evil with deceit in his heart—  
he always stirs up conflict.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore disaster will overtake him in an instant;  
he will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy.

<sup>16</sup> There are six things the LORD hates,  
seven that are detestable to him:

<sup>17</sup> haughty eyes,

a lying tongue,

hands that shed innocent blood,

<sup>18</sup> a heart that devises wicked schemes,

feet that are quick to rush into evil,

<sup>19</sup> a false witness who pours out lies  
and a person who stirs up conflict in the  
community.

**Shot 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **from** \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>20</sup> My son, keep your father's command

and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

<sup>21</sup> Bind them always on your heart;

fasten them around your neck.

<sup>22</sup> When you walk, they will guide you;

when you sleep, they will watch over you;

when you awake, they will speak to you.

<sup>23</sup> For this command is a lamp,

this teaching is a light,

and correction and instruction

are the way to life,

<sup>24</sup> keeping you from your neighbor's wife,

from the smooth talk of a wayward woman.

<sup>25</sup> Do not lust in your heart after her beauty

or let her captivate you with her eyes.

<sup>26</sup> For a prostitute can be had for a loaf of bread,

but another man's wife preys on your very life.

<sup>27</sup> Can a man scoop fire into his lap

without his clothes being burned?

<sup>28</sup> Can a man walk on hot coals

without his feet being scorched?

<sup>29</sup> So is he who sleeps with another man's wife;

no one who touches her will go unpunished.