

## Introduction

### Five Vices to Avoid “vice”

#### 1. Treacherous Words

##### a. The LORD’s preservation “preserve”

##### Commentary

1. God takes special care to preserve knowledge.
2. God preserves knowledge even though Satan has devious plans to blind men’s eyes and keep them in ignorance.
3. God’s watchful providence is a wonderful example of the power and goodness of the eyes of the LORD.
4. God preserves *men of knowledge*, wise and good men.

##### b. The LORD’s control over the unwise and treacherous “overthrow” “words of the unfaithful”

#### 2. Laziness

- a. Will make extreme excuses to avoid work
- b. Will flee work because of imagined difficulties

#### 3. Immorality

- a. The Truth  
“immoral woman”
- b. The Consequence  
“abhorred”

What happens?

#### 4. Foolishness

- a. The Problem  
“foolishness”  
“bound”  
“heart”  
“child”

- b. The Solution  
“correction”

#### 5. Greed

- a. He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches...  
“oppresses”  
“poor”
- b. And he who gives to the rich...
- c. ...will surely come to poverty.

### What have we learned?

- 1. To be wise is to be under God’s protection, and to be unwise and treacherous, even in what one says, is to be on a path that will end in frustration.**
- 2. A lazy man will be ruined, both soul and body, by his laziness; yet, he will not be lacking in excuses for his laziness.**
- 3. Immorality is a deep, deep pit that is almost impossible to climb out of.**
- 4. If you don’t discipline your child, he will be an arrogant, flippant, hardened fool his whole life.**
- 5. You can’t get ahead by oppressing the poor whom God defends.**