



# *The Way of Equity*

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**TEXT: Proverbs 6:6-11**

Introduction: The opening paragraph of the Book of Proverbs summarizes the message of the whole book: “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction*” (**Proverbs 1:7**). There are two contrasting ways to live: the way of the wise and the way of the foolish. Throughout this series we will see several things that can help us to walk in the “way of the wise.” In this particular lesson, we will notice the way of equity. Let’s study together....

Discussion:

## ***I. The Way of the Wise = Accountability & Action***

The wise place their trust completely in God (**Proverbs 3:5-6**).

The wise plan ahead and think things through (**Proverbs 6:6-8, 10:5, 31:21**).

The wise seek godly counsel (**Proverbs 12:15, 15:22**).

The wise gather all the facts (**Proverbs 13:16**).

The wise make wise choices because they are close to God (**Proverbs 16:3**).

## ***II. The Way of the Foolish = Excuses & Laziness***

The foolish can't see that laziness can ruin you (**Proverbs 6:6-11**).

The foolish can't see that laziness can make you poor (**Proverbs 10:4-5**).

The foolish can't see that lazy people work for others (**Proverbs 12:24**).

The foolish can't see that lazy people make worthless excuses (**Proverbs 22:13**).

The foolish can't see that lazy people oversleep (**Proverbs 26:14**).

Conclusion: There are only two ways to live: the way of the wise and the way of the foolish. When we choose the wrong way it results in the tragic consequences of pain and death (**Romans 3:23, 6:23**). However, Jesus now provides the path for us to be reconciled to God. Will you surrender to Him? Will you believe in Him? Will you repent of your sins? Will you confess your faith? Will you be immersed into His blood? What path will you choose?

**WORD OF THE DAY = “ACTION”**