

BROKEN WITHOUT REMEDY

PROVERBS 6:12-15

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Introduction:

What and how we communicate is important to God. There are those who are skilled in the methods of communication but deceitfully use their skills to spread slander and strife.

We see in our text first, a description of a person who deceives and stirs up strife (vv.12-15) and then the activities such a person engages in (vv. 16-19).

If the slothful are to be condemned, who do nothing, much more those who do evil? Observe how such a man is described.

Notice that being described that should be spotted and avoided.

1. THE PERVERSE COMMUNICATION

Proverbs 6:12

¹² A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.

The mouth, or speech, is the vehicle by which this person gives outward expression to the evil thoughts which are inwardly filling his heart.

This individual is known by his corrupt or perverse mouth, or, by his false and deceptive words.

His speech ("mouth") betrays his crookedness. Because he works with deception or with crafty hidden motives, he cannot be trusted.

2. The Perverse Course

Proverbs 6:13-14

¹³ He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; ¹⁴ Frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.

In verse 13 we learn that these individuals' manners are malicious also.

In order to engage others in his plot he ensnares them with signals. The idea of winking with your eyes, speaking with your feet, and teaching with your fingers

infer doubletalk—saying one thing but meaning another.

When non-verbal gestures are on the outside much worse is in the inside. Verse 14 teaches us that this individual's exterior actions betray his evil inner make-up.

Note that it is a perverse man sows discord.

Though he feigns sincerity, underneath he is perverted and causes dissension, drawing others into discord or strife.

Illustration:

A family living in a small town in North Dakota was destroyed by AN UNTRUE STORY. The mother had not been well since the birth of her second baby but people knew she did all she could to create an atmosphere of love in that home. The neighbors would see the father being met at the door each night with hugs and kisses from his wife and two small children.

A village gossip wanted their home so she whispered that the man was being unfaithful to his wife. The story was entirely without foundation but it began to spread. Eventually it came to the wife's ears.

Because of her weakened condition it was more than she could bear, and a few weeks later she suffered a mental collapse.

One evening, when her husband came home- coldness and quietness sent a chill of fear- over his heart. Soon the awful truth became apparent. His wife, sick and in despair, had taken her own life and those of her two children! The man was beside himself with grief but the perverse words had already done their deadly work.

The woman who began the rumor was pleased with herself and what she had caused to occur. She eventually got the house, but it never became a home again.

3. THE PERVERSE CONCLUSION

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Besides causing discord among people by his deceptive words and his deceptive gestures, verse 15 teaches us that this person brings disaster on himself.

The fate awaiting this individual that spreads strife will be sudden and disastrous. His ruin shall come without warning, and without relief. It comes unexpectedly and quickly.

Close:

Ever try to tell someone something and as you did you use your hands to describe whatever was being discussed?

This nonverbal communication may be as important as verbal. Some researchers have concluded that in conversation, the total message communicated is estimated at 55 percent facial, 38 percent vocal and only 7 percent verbal.

Be careful of your nonverbal language. Remember, "Actions speak louder than words." and therefore God holds us more accountable for them.