

WISDOM THAT WORKS FOR CONDUCT
Proverbs 6:16–19, 16:1–33, Galatians 5:22–26

NOTES: Conduct Counts in Crazy Times

- I. The Anti-Hero – Division
- II. The Hero – The Multiplier

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study

For Starters: Who are some of your favorite heroes or anti-heroes? What makes one a hero or anti-hero, and what are some key characteristics of both?

The Basics: Read Proverbs 6:16–19 and 16:1–33. What characteristics or behaviors despise or please God? How does Proverbs 16 expand on chapter 6? What stands out to you and why?

Quick-Fire Round

1. Read Proverbs 6:1 and 16–19. Discuss the seven traits the Lord hates in human conduct. Which of these character traits do you see in yourself? Consider antonyms (opposite descriptors) for the seven traits. Which of these would you like to see develop in yourself and why?
2. In literary terms, the final and seventh point summarizes the first six. Why is a person who stirs up conflict, causes disunity and division, so dishonoring to God? Have you experienced an environment marked by unity/peace or disunity/dysfunction? What were the differences, how did both make you feel? Discuss.
3. Read Proverbs 6:17 and 16:18–20. Why is pride deadly to character and conduct? In what areas of your life do you recognize pride? Read Philippians 2:1–8. How can you imitate Jesus' humility in your encounters with others this week?
4. Read Proverbs 6:17, 14:31, 17:5, and Exodus 20:13. Hands that shed innocent blood describe those who show no mercy nor justice, especially to the poor. How can you live to seek the welfare of others and why is this foundational to real faith? Discuss.
5. Read Psalm 133:1, Matthew 5:5, 5:9, and Romans 12:18. Conduct pleasing to God is ultimately about being a peacemaker and unifier in community with others. How can you sow seeds of unity and peace in your relationships?

Community Group Prayer: Read Galatians 5:16–26. As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to produce His fruit and character in you. Determine a specific area of your life (e.g., pride, lying, injustice, poor decisions, temptations) that you need God to work in you. Pray for unity in one another's relationships, marriages, families, communities, workplaces, and church.

A Closing (and dangerous) Prayer: *Father, thank you that you love me enough not to leave me where I am, but desire to change me into your likeness. I know this is the work of the Holy Spirit in me and I give you full access to work in my life. Amen.*