



DAILY DOCTRINE: Six Enemies of the Believer in Proverbs 27:1-8
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Proverbs 27:1-8.

1. Pride/arrogance, *"Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth. ² Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips,"* Prov. 27:1-2.
2. Anger/uncontrolled temper, *"A stone is heavy and the sand weighty, But the provocation of a fool is heavier than both of them,"* 27:3. The stone may refer to uncontrolled anger whereas the sand may refer to subtle types of anger as expressed by gossip, slander, vindictiveness (e.g., throwing of sand).
3. Envy/jealous, *"Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood, But who can stand before jealousy?"* 27:4. Verse indicates that jealousy is worse than wrath and anger.
4. Pseudo love, *"Better is open rebuke Than love that is concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy,"* 27:5-6. There are a lot of people who pretend to be your friend but will stab you in the back. Pastors always make big targets especially for carnal loser believers (as evidenced by their constant complaining about something in their life). Always beware of people who pretend to be your friend and yet tell you all of the negative things others say about you. Ask yourself: how is it that those who attack you can feel comfortable saying all these things to your "friend"?
5. Ingratitude (loss of capacity for temporal blessings) *"A sated man loathes honey, But to a famished man any bitter thing is sweet,* 27:7. In carnality and reversionism it does not matter how many blessings (e.g., honey) you have, you will come to loathe the emptiness of life. Honey is sometimes used for the Word of God so application can be made here regarding no appetite for the Word of God.
6. Irresponsible, *"Like a bird that wanders from her nest, So is a man who wanders from his home,"* 27:8. This verse speaks of a person abandoning his responsibilities at home (which among other things) means that he is irresponsible regarding his spiritual life. This wandering takes many forms: e.g., frantic search for happiness, getting into other people's business, attempting to fill the void in the one's own soul by always being busy being out and about. This person can't stand being alone at home and enjoying solitude and reflecting on the awesome nature and existence of God through Bible doctrine. They have lost capacity to serious reflect on the nature of God. They have become so sensate that their senses must be constantly stimulated or they are bored to death. What a shame! What self-destruction! The only good news is that this self-destruction does not imply any loss of salvation.

Doctrine matters!

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