The Interest of Others

PROVERBS 6

"For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life," (Proverbs 6:23, ESV)

Review the Sermon Read Proverbs 6:1-35. What instructions does Proverbs 6 offer for how you must treat your neighbor? Why is over-commitment (v1-5) a form of subtle self-interest? Why do you think God hates a person "who sows discord among brothers"? (v19) Assess your Life How have you said "yes" to too many demands? Do you think it has damaged relationships? Why do you think you over-commit? Have you ever struggled with putting off work you need to do? Why? As you review the past week, month, or year, how much of your life is focused on selfinterest in contrast to serving the interest of others?

Apply the Truth

What can families, churches, and communities do to protect against the damage caused by adultery and immorality?
What specific commitments should you let go to focus more effectively on the commitments that matter most.
What steps can you take to build unity (family, friends, church, work, etc.) rather than sow discord?
Commit this Week
Will you commit to following Christ, dying to self, and serving others for the glory of God?

"My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching." (Proverbs 6:20, ESV)