

Proverbs 6:1-5 **Danger of Becoming Surety (guarantee) For Another**

Dangerous Promises

¹ My son, if you become surety for your friend,
If you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,
² You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth.

³ So do this, my son, and deliver yourself;
For you have come into the hand of your friend:
Go and humble yourself; Plead with your friend.

⁴ Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your eyelids.

⁵ Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand *of the hunter*,
And like a bird from the hand of the fowler. *

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ My son, if you become surety for your friend,
If you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,
You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth. [[Proverbs 6:1-2](#)]
- ✧ The father is warning his son of the danger of becoming surety for another's loan.
- ✧ It may quickly become your debt and a gift to the other.
- ✧ So do this, my son, and deliver yourself;
For you have come into the hand of your friend:
Go and humble yourself; Plead with your friend.
Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your eyelids.
Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand *of the hunter*,
And like a bird from the hand of the fowler. * [[Proverbs 6:3-5](#)]
- ✧ The remedy for such a situation is to do all in your power to get out from under the debt as quickly as possible.
- ✧ Humble your self and plead for release from your pledge.
- ✧ Call on the other for mercy.