

Proverbs 6:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;

Analysis

The worthless person winks with eyes, signals with feet, points with fingers - bodily communication of deceit. The Hebrew 'beliyaal' (worthlessness/wickedness) describes moral corruption. The threefold physical description (eyes, feet, fingers) indicates comprehensive bodily involvement in deception. Speech can be guarded, but body language reveals heart intent. Deceitful people employ subtle signals to co-conspirators while maintaining plausible deniability.

Historical Context

Ancient honor-shame cultures heightened awareness of non-verbal communication. Winking, gesturing, and body positioning communicated volumes. Modern Western cultures, being more verbally explicit, may miss these subtleties. Yet deception still employs bodily signals - eye contact avoidance, nervous gestures, defensive postures reveal hidden truth.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What does your body language reveal about your heart that words might conceal?
2. How can you develop consistency between verbal and non-verbal communication?
3. What subtle signals might you be sending that contradict your stated intentions?

Interlinear Text

קִרַּץ	בְּ עֵינָיו	מִלַּל	בְּרַגְלָיו	מִן הַ	בְּאֶצְבָּעֵתָיו:
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H7169	H5869	H4448	H7272	H3384	H676

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 35:19 (Parallel theme): Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

Job 15:12 (Parallel theme): Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at,

Proverbs 10:10 (Parallel theme): He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.