

Be Wise About Preventing Adultery

Proverbs 5 gives wisdom preventing adultery and pursuing purity, Chris Mueller, 3-25-2018

Introduction:

Early warnings in **Proverbs 2:16** *To deliver you from the strange woman, From the adulteress who flatters with her words;* **17** *That leaves the companion of her youth And forgets the covenant of her God;* **18** *For her house sinks down to death And her tracks lead to the dead;* **19** *None who go to her return again, Nor do they reach the paths of life.*

Proverbs 5:1 My son, give attention to my wisdom, Incline your ear to my understanding; 2 That you may observe discretion And your lips may reserve knowledge. 3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey And smoother than oil is her speech; 4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death, Her steps take hold of Sheol. 6 She does not ponder the path of life; Her ways are unstable, she does not know it.

Proverbs 5:7 Now then, my sons, listen to me And do not depart from the words of my mouth. 8 Keep your way far from her And do not go near the door of her house, 9 Or you will give your vigor to others And your years to the cruel one 10 And strangers will be filled with your strength And your hard-earned goods will go to the house of an alien; 11 And you groan at your final end, When your flesh and your body are consumed; 12 And you say, "How I have hated instruction! And my heart spurned reproof! 13 "I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined my ear to my instructors! 14 "I was almost in utter ruin In the midst of the assembly and congregation."

#1 The deceptive P _____ of adultery 3-6

#2 The terrible P _____ of adultery 7-14

2 Timothy 2:22 *Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*

1 PREPARE FOR SITUATIONS

2 PLAN YOUR ENVIRONMENT

3 PICK YOUR PEOPLE

1 Corinthians 15:33 *Do not be deceived; Bad company corrupts good morals*

4 PONDER YOUR APPEARANCE

5 POUNCE ON YOUR THOUGHTS

Mark 7:20 *That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications... adulteries... 23 All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.*

6 PARALYZE YOUR GLANCES

Job 31:1 *I have made a covenant with my eyes, how then could I gaze at a virgin?*

Proverbs 5:15 Drink water from your own cistern And fresh water from your own well. 16 Should your springs be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets? 17 Let them be yours alone And not for strangers with you. 18 Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love. 20 For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?

Proverbs 5:21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths. 22 His own iniquities will capture the wicked, And he will be held with the cords of his sin. 23 He will die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

#3 The practical P _____ of adultery 15-23

Step 1 Love your _____ 15-20

Bruce Waltke writes, *In order to quench his thirst, the sons' well must be a constant source of sweet water—so the father prays his sons will have a wife who can quench that thirst quantitatively and qualitatively in the most satisfying way.*

Step 2 Love your _____ 21-23

A. F _____ your satisfaction in Christ first

1 John 3:2 *when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

B. FLEE lustful sin Turn to Genesis 39:7

2 Timothy 2:22 says *flee from youthful lusts*
1 Corinthians 6:18 adds *Flee immorality*

C. F _____ the example of older saints

Titus 2:3 *Older women 4 ... may encourage the young women to love their husbands*

D. FLOURISH in fondness with your spouse

E. F _____ in Christ

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why is sexual sin so serious in the Bible?
2. What are the differences in consequences of the sins of homosexuality, adultery, fornication, and addiction to porn?
3. What other ways should believers demonstrate the command to FLEE youthful lusts? What might that look like?
4. Why is it so difficult for believers to really talk through the preventive steps to adultery?
5. Without being explicit, talk through the steps a married couple might take to live out Proverbs 5:15-20.
6. How does loving your Lord actually help the prevention of sexual sin?
7. Of the application points, which one of them is the most important one for you to personally pursue, and why?

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