

The Proverbs: Choosing Wisdom in a Foolish World
The Way to Stay Sexually Pure
Proverbs 5-7

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I. You Better Have Your Mind Already Made Up that You're Committed to Whatever God Says about Your Sexuality

Proverbs 7:6-7 “For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice, and saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, a young man devoid of understanding”

The Hebrew word for simple is ‘peti’. It means ‘to be open’ or uncommitted and is part of the family of words that means ‘fool.’ While the world commends people who keep all their options open sexually, the Bible says being open and uncommitted is just one more version of a fool.

You have to make up your mind to be committed to all that God says about your sexuality. It only takes a little doubt for you to go down in flames. That’s exactly what happened to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:1.

Satan planted a seed of doubt about what God said and used an exaggeration to plant a seed of doubt about how good God is. It’s the same approach he uses today.

II. Do Everything You Can to Stay Acutely Aware of God

It's critical to not let God get ‘fuzzy’ in the middle of your sexual battles.

Proverbs 5:21 “For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and He ponders all his paths.”

When Joseph was resisting his boss’s wife’s advances, he did so by staying acutely aware of the presence of God in his life.

Genesis 39:8-9 “But he refused and said to his master’s wife, “Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he (Potiphar) kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?”

One of the biggest steps towards sexual sin, or any other sin, is not hatred for God, but forgetfulness of God.

III. Do Everything You Can to See More than Just this Present Moment

Proverbs 5, 6 and 7 help us see the end and not just the immediate, raging, sexual moment.

Proverbs 5:3-4 “For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as two-edged sword.”

Proverbs 6:27-29 “Can a man take fire to his bosom and his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be seared? So is he who goes in to his neighbor’s wife...”

Giving into sexual sins like adultery will leave you with grief and regret.

Proverbs 5:11 “At the end of your life you will groan...”

The Hebrew word used for ‘groan’ means to roar out loud or to wail because of intense grief and regret as you look back over your life.

Don’t end your life with intense grief and regret because of all the sexual decisions you made only thinking about the moment.

IV. Pay Attention to the Little Stuff

“The actual descent into sin begins without much fanfare. When looking into the Grand Canyon, the first step down seems insignificant. Rather than a huge, noticeable leap of rebellion, [sin] is marked by small steps of spiritual casualness or indifference and apathy that don’t attract notice. After all, everyone coasts now and then, we think.” **Addictions**, Ed Welch, p. 67

A. You Should Be Alarmed by What’s Going On in Your Heart Long Before It Shows Up in Your Body

Proverbs 6:25 “Do not lust after her in your heart...”

Matthew 15:19 “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

If your heart is less than satisfied in God and the intimacy you have with your Savior Jesus, especially if your heart is filled with self-pity over where you are sexually right now, then it’s only a matter of time that your body will go where your heart is already shifting.

Before you ever give into sexual sin, you cheat on God first because sexual sin is a worship problem or idolatry.

Because we’re created in the image of God and are by nature worshippers, it’s never just sexual urges that drive us, but a hungry heart that is seeking intimacy and worship.

B. You Should Be Suspicious of Any Desire to Pull Away from God’s People

Proverbs 18:1 “A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.”

Sin thrives in isolation. That’s why when God saves you He doesn’t just draw you to His Son, He calls you to His Church – the people of God. You are at risk if you refuse to plug into the people of God.

We need each other in our fights against sin.

Hebrews 3:12-13 “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

As sinners, we’re all sexually broken- no exceptions. We all have to battle not giving in to twisted versions of God’s original design for our sexuality.

Romans 13:11-14 shows us the hope we can have in the face of sexual sin and brokenness. Paul points us back to Jesus and not just thoughts or doctrine about Jesus, but a living, vital relationship with Him.