

CHAPTER 5

Proverbs 5:1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:

Father! Do you teach your son wisdom and understanding? Do you practically instruct him about life's great dangers, including the whorish women?

Son and grandson! Do you listen to your father and humbly learn his wisdom and seek understanding? Do you know he was a man long before your birth and wants to deliver you from troubles in life? Sit down! Pay attention!

Solomon told his son to listen to his instruction. Without fear or false humility: He told his son, that he possessed wisdom and understanding his son did not have. And he told his son to pay attention and humble himself - "bow thine ear" - for this fatherly advice.

Though Solomon was a king, this instruction was between a man and his son. Every father who fears God and loves wisdom will appreciate this example. Father! Do it!

There is no place for fear in the father-son relationship. Do not be afraid to confront your son, tell him his errors, warn him of coming danger, and give him strong advice to avoid trouble.

You know far more than your son, no matter how arrogant and brash he might be.

If he disregards your instruction, you will have done what God expects. The LORD will bless it; and your son will recall the advice later. Count on it!

There Is No Place For False Humility In The Father-Son Relationship

An effeminate concept of false humility is being sown today. Hate it! Reject it! Your son is not your equal, he is a moron in comparison.

Do not apologize, or soft sell, your superior wisdom. It is not humility to apologize or waffle about your wisdom. It is arrogant pride to disregard God's order and neglect your son's training. Get a hold of this! Read *Job 32*!

If Your Son Is Not A God-Fearing Success It Is Because You Neglected His Training

It is that simple. Training does work (*Proverbs 22:6, 15; 29:15*).

You must take the time, prepare an agenda if you need to, get with your son, and open your mouth wide to let

that wisdom get from your heart to his ears! Playing checkers at night does not cut it, in spite of what the effeminate spiritual leaders today might say on Christian radio to silly women (*2Timothy 3:6-7*).

Son! Grandson! Father! You are a man. You know your weakness for beautiful women. You know the potential pain of an odious women. You know the trouble of fornication and adultery.

Tell your son. Tell him plainly. Tell him graphically. Solomon did! Anything less is folly!

Son! You are a boy. Your father is a man. Listen to him. He was a man before you were born. He fathered you by a woman before you had being. He knows more about women than you will learn in the next 20 years. Sit down! Stay still! And pay attention!

Son! God is your Father by creation, and hopefully again by salvation. God knows more than you will ever learn on any subject by a factor called infinite!

Pay attention to God's Word! Humble yourself! Despise your own thoughts! Love preaching! Follow your pastor's every sentence! Review the sermons! Read your Bible! Develop and earnest prayer life; faithfully witness; Love the Lord, Save yourself!

Proverbs 5:2 That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

Do You Know Enough To Save Yourself From Sexual Trouble?

Do You Know Enough To Teach Sexual Prudence To Others?

Solomon taught his children often about sexual sins, their powerful temptations, and their terrible consequences (*Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-23; 6:20-35; 7:1-27; 9:13-18; 22:14; 23:27-28; 30:19-20; 31:3; Ecclesiastes 7:26*).

Consider the context. Solomon asked his son to humbly hear his fatherly wisdom and understanding (*Proverbs 5:1*).

Solomon called on all his children to receive his instruction and not turn away from it (*Proverbs 5:7*).

What did Solomon fear so much in their lives? The whorish woman!

Solomon knew about her flattering speech, the incredibly painful consequences of touching her, and the subtle nature of her character that deceives men (*Proverbs 5:3-6*).

Fornication and adultery are nearly forgotten sins today. They are glamorized and promoted in television programming, movies, books, and magazines. The stars of society, whether political, or performing, or athletic, they live sexually sinful lives, that are viewed by most as the good life!

The Word of God condemns fornication and adultery, and it calls the children of God to live sexually holy (*1Corinthians 6:12-20; 7:1-5; 1Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4*).

Casual sex is only casual in the initial thoughts of the two sinners committing it. The trouble that will certainly follow is not casual:

**It Is Painful,
It Is Permanent,
It Is Pernicious.**

Take your pick, you will reap one or more of these results: jealousy, syphilis, divorce, herpes, ruined reputation, gonorrhea, insecurity, HIV, sexual dysfunction, vengeful father or husband, crabs, irate wife, lost virginity, guilt, unwanted pregnancy, shame, and so on.

The Proverb has a specific lesson with two parts.

The wise instruction from God and parents is to help save you from sexual pain.

The wise instruction from God and parents is to help you save others from sexual pain.

Have you learned enough to save yourself? Have you learned enough to save others? Does wisdom guide your life and supply your speech when talking to others? Your future and hopefully that of others depends on it.

God has revealed wonderful wisdom to the sons of men (*Deuteronomy 29:29*).

It is your duty to hear and apply those Words to your own life (*Psalms 119:11,128*).

It is your duty to hear and apply those Words to others' lives (*Proverbs 22:17-21; James 5:19-20*).

The perpetuity ^{ceaselessness} of truth in the earth depends on you retaining wisdom and communicating it to children and others.

Have you heard and followed the instruction of parents? Pastor? Counselors? Teachers? Scripture? Are you ready to give an answer for your faith (*1Peter 3:15*)?

Proverbs 5:3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

Honeycomb is one of God's sweetest creations. Pure, golden, sweet honey oozes from its cells. It drips with delightful pleasure for the man wanting a delicious treat.

Oil, which smoothes the dryness and texture of any food, and is very pleasant in a dry climate, is also a precious food. Together they represent a smooth, sweet delicacy, which Solomon used to describe, the deceitful danger, of flattery from a strange woman.

What is a strange woman? Any woman you have not married is a strange woman to you!

She is off limits for you; she is foreign to your marriage; she is not your intimate companion; she belongs to someone else; she is an alien to your embrace.

You have no right to exchange sweet words with her, for your ears and heart belong to another. Job said, *"I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid."* If he would not look, then neither could he listen to her words. (*Job 31:1*)

Good fathers will warn their sons of the horrible temptation of loose women, as Solomon does in this chapter.

The Holy Spirit points out the horrible consequences of sexual sin, the safety in a good marital relationship, and the judgment of God on men who compromise in this area of life (*Proverbs 5:3-23*).

This is not a light matter at all. Many strong men have been wounded and slain by her. Young Christian man beware! (*Proverbs 7:26*)

Solomon was a realistic father. He told the truth plainly. There is no wisdom in telling a son that strange women are revolting. Paul admitted that sin has pleasure for a season (*Hebrews 11:25*).

To tell young men otherwise is a lie, and they will be unprepared for the horrible temptation that will come their way some day. Wise fathers will admit, the attractive temptation, but they will also describe the horrible consequences.

God made men to desire and seduce women, in order to bring about marriage (*Proverbs 30:19; Genesis 34:1-4; Exodus 22:16; Deuteronomy 21:10-14; 24:5*).

It is the greatest chase of a man's life. The adoring response of a woman, declaring her love and submission, with intimate and tender words, is one of the most powerful temptations a man will ever face.

Her kind and passionate words of affection, respect, and desire are like gasoline to a fire, and any man who denies this is either a liar or has an unnatural sexual problem.

Strange women know these facts well. They use their power of speech to seduce victims. It was this deceptive and delightful speech from other women that Solomon repeatedly warned against (*Proverbs 2:16; 6:24; 7:21; 22:14*).

David also described the danger of soft and smooth words hiding evil motives. Son, get away from her! (*Psalms 55:21*)

Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph with words, but he defied her (*Genesis 39:7-12*).

Samson, on the other hand, fell to Delilah's obvious and destructive lies, because they were clothed in seductive flattery (*Judges 16:15-17*).

Do not think poorly of Samson, until you have followed Joseph's example two or three times! The only safety is distance. "Remove thy way far from her" (*Proverbs 5:8*).

No man can, easily resist the flattery of a woman. It is too pleasant, delicious, and tantalizing. It is like honeycomb and oil, sweet and smooth. It strokes the soul and stirs the fire of a man's sexual lusts.

The willingness of a woman for intimacy, expressed in alluring and bold language, is like throwing a match in a powder keg. Get away from her!

Our chapter began by Solomon asking his son to bow his ear to his father's instruction. There is no room for pride or stubbornness here. (*Proverbs 5:1-2*)

A strange woman is more than a match for most any man, as sacred and profane history show many times. Every man must bow to the warning and do all he can to avoid her.

There is no wisdom or right in social conversation with a woman that attracts you. Get away from her! This sober warning applies to face-to-face conversations, telephone and cell phone conversations, letters and texting, Internet chatting, and emails.

Seductive flattery from a woman is too much, even if, it is words on a computer monitor. It will lead your heart to plan the sin that will destroy you (*James 1:14-15*).

Get Away From Her!

Christian woman, there is an indirect lesson here for you. Do you understand the power of flattery and praise in pleasing and winning a man?

If you do, then how good are you at using such womanly arts to capture and keep your husband?

Another woman may very well do it, if you do not keep him entranced with you. He will be responsible for any sin, but you will be an accomplice (*1 Corinthians 7:1-5*).

When was the last time you used honeycomb and oil to seduce your husband? You know from Solomon's Song that flattery in marriage is good and pleasant. Be a great woman, and use your mouth for righteousness.

Only street prostitutes announce their intentions plainly. Society whores hide behind honorable terms and manners of their deceitful hearts (*Proverbs 7:13-18*).

In the same way, belly worshippers, carnal Christians, hide their religious hypocrisy under good words and fair speeches (*Romans 16:17-18; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 2 Timothy 3:3-6*).

Get Away From Them!

The true servants of Jesus Christ are plain, bold, and direct (*2 Corinthians 1:12; 2:17; 3:12; 4:2; Ephesians 4:14; 1 Thessalonians 2:3-6*).

The true servants of Jesus Christ have sworn allegiance to their Lord and Master, Who is known in heaven and on earth, as the Faithful and True Witness (*Revelation 3:14; 19:11*).

The Lord Jesus will not and cannot lie or flatter, and neither will the true servants of Jesus Christ. His servants will never sugarcoat the truth, for they are bound in perpetual marriage to the Lord of truth. (*Titus 1:2*)

Proverbs 5:4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.

Seduction by a strange woman, a woman you have not known before, and have no right to be with, can be a great pleasure. But it is a very short pleasure, and then you discover the horrible consequences of such sin.

Her sweet words and kisses turn bitter like wormwood, and her smooth flattery and lovemaking cut deep like a two-edged sword.

Many men have been destroyed by this deceitful delusion. She looks, sounds, smells, and feels so inviting, but the corrupting and cutting results are hidden from view.

Knowing the great danger, Solomon used this chapter to warn his son about the dire trouble that a whorish woman brings, into a man's life, and the delightful and protective pleasure of a loving wife.

This Proverb completes a sentence started in the previous verse. There the wise Preacher told about a whore's sweet lips and smooth mouth. See the comments on *Proverbs 5:3*.

The flattery of such a woman is overpowering to a man, her offer of adoration and lovemaking is too much to resist. Our Proverb, states a strong warning, consider the consequences!

What is the end of a thing? Its reward, its results, or its consequences (*Psalms 37:37; 73:17*)!

What is wormwood? An herb known for intense bitterness! How bitter? The Greeks called it "undrinkable," and it is a regular symbol of bitterness. (*Lamentations 3:15*)

How sharp is a two-edged sword? Twice as sharp as one-edged sword! It will cut you either way, or both ways!

Consider how a strange woman turns out to be bitter and cutting. Consider it well, for her first impressions are deceitfully dangerous. They disguise the poison; they cover the blade.

She will take you to death and hell, but she will do it most painfully! She will take, all your time. Lust is not satisfied, with short liaisons or infrequent contact.

The guilt will devour your soul day and night. Fear of being caught and exposed will destroy your confidence and conscience. The lie you must live to cover your sin will turn your life into a perpetual drama of deception. How bitter! How cutting!

She deceived others to seduce you. It is only time until she deceives you for another! The betrayal of true love and devotion will leave you vulnerable and insecure.

The prospect of revenge by her husband or father will chase you even when you are alone in a secluded place. Your reputation will be destroyed and reduced to that of a despised adulterer.

She has been with others, your health is at risk, even pagans recognize the short lives of fornicators.

She is not cheap. She expects much in return for her favors. And then, of course, there is the Lord, death, judgment, and hell! How bitter! How cutting!

Proverbs 5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

You can die more than once; you can go to hell more than once. A whorish woman is a certain way to

experience both in this life (*Proverbs 2:18-19; 7:27; 9:18*).

Sexual sins, craved by the lusts of the eyes and of the flesh, lead to death and hell.

The lifestyle of adultery and fornication will destroy your soul, life, and body, and make your life a hell. Solomon used this chapter to warn his son, and all men, against fornication (*Proverbs 5:1*).

Solomon offered wisdom, understanding, discretion, and knowledge (*Proverbs 5:1-2*).

Solomon sought to save men, from the fascinating temptation, and horrible dangers of the strange woman (*Proverbs 5:3*).

Solomon described:
The painful consequences (*Proverbs 5:4-14*),
The safety in good marriage (*Proverbs 5:15-20*),
The omniscience of God (*Proverbs 5:21*), and
The judgment for such sins (*Proverbs 5:22-23*).

Solomon had more experience with women than any hundred men. He had 700 wives and 300 concubines, and these were high class (*1Kings 11:3*).

And God gave Solomon, exceeding great wisdom, and understanding to analyze their danger (*1Kings 4:29*).

Solomon also knew of his father's adultery with his mother (*2Samuel 11:1 - 12:25*), his brother Amnon's incest with his sister (*2Samuel 13:1-39*); his brother Absalom's folly with his father's concubines (*2Samuel 16:21-22*); and his brother Adonijah's obsession with Abishag (*2Kings 2:12-25*).

Solomon saw in this life death and hell, a miserable life of pain and trouble, caused by adultery many times. All men die physically, but they can also die to joy and success in this life.

Unsaved wicked men go to hell after death, but there is another hell in this life, a torturous existence of guilt, misery, defeat, and pain. Scripture commonly uses death and hell in this figurative way (*Proverbs 23:14; Psalm 18:5; 86:13; 116:3; Jonah 2:2; Luke 15:24; 1Timothy 5:6; James 5:20*).

The "other woman" has ripped many homes apart. Children were confused; long-term marriages were violated; soul pain was multiplied.

Men have lost their jobs, their focus, their health, their wealth, their wives, their children, their reputations, their confidence, their peace, and their souls by this heinous sin.

Its results are truly described as death and hell. Ask any sober man who has come back from its death (*Proverbs 5:14; Psalm 51:8*).

Marc Antony lost Rome, and his life, through love for the seductive Cleopatra. These Words, death and hell, perfectly describe Lot, destitute in a cave after impregnating his daughters, and Samson, blindly grinding for the Philistines (**Genesis 19:30-38; Judges 16:21**).

Solomon himself knew such women to be more bitter than death (**Ecclesiastes 7:26**).

Yet it is no less true that wicked women take men down to literal death, eternal death, and the lake of fire.

How many adulterers have been killed by the jealous spouse of their paramour ^{a woman's lover} (**Proverbs 6:34-35**)?

How many whoremongers have died from venereal disease (**Proverbs 7:23**)?

How many have become trapped in sexual addiction (**Proverbs 5:22-23; 6:32; Hosea 4:11**)?

Her beautiful feet and mincing steps are not as attractive now, are they, young man? That sexy walk leads to death and hell! Her path of sweet seduction and loving liaisons goes down, down, down!

No wonder, the Lord Jesus taught, the plucking out of right eyes and cutting off of right hands, rather than following the steps of this cruel fiend to hell (**Matthew 5:27-30**).

Paul said, "*Flee youthful lusts*" (**2Timothy 2:22**). Get far away from her, now (**Proverbs 5:8**)!

She hides the precipice over hell behind her skirts! Step back! Run away! Never go near her again!

Solomon's own son did not heed this lifesaving advice and warning against strange women. But why should he have? His father's example was unlimited love of many women. Rehoboam, following dad, foolishly lost ten of Israel's twelve tribes and desired many wives. He had 18 wives and 60 concubines (**2Chronicles 11:21-23**).

Fathers! Teach your sons plainly, practically, and pointedly the dangers of whorish women and fornication. This is no small temptation, especially in our ungodly generation, with every former limitation being taken out of the way, for greedy lasciviousness.

Keep your sons far from her! Teach them to avoid her at all costs! There will be death and hell to pay! Her love is a lie! And her reward is bitter and sharp pain (**Proverbs 5:4; 6:28, 33; 23:27**).

Proverbs 5:6 Lest thou shouldst ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.

David and Solomon warn often in Proverbs about the strange woman and how she destroys men (**Proverbs 7:26; 23:28**).

A strange woman is any woman not your wife, but especially a whore; and they taught their sons wisdom about her (**Proverbs 5:1-5**).

David and Solomon knew the pain themselves, and by experience, and said she was the greatest temptation for young men.

David and Solomon knew some of her appealing features and methods. They warned against her flattering words (**Proverbs 6:24**), her beauty (**Proverbs 6:25**), her eye contact (**Proverbs 6:25**), her kisses (**Proverbs 7:13**), her pretended character (**Proverbs 7:14**), her romantic affection (**Proverbs 7:15**), her creative lovemaking (**Proverbs 7:16-18**), and her discretion and security for the rendezvous (**Proverbs 7:19-20**). But they did not know them all.

Escaping From A Strange Woman Is By Soberly Examining Your Life!

Calm reflection will show you are hanging over the pit of hell, with bitter pain and death the certain results, for only momentary pleasure, and you need to get as far from her as possible.

A strange woman cannot allow sober thinking, for it is her ruin; so she uses all her wiles to keep men from examining their situation.

A strange woman entices him unrelentingly in so many ways he cannot free himself from her draw.

A strange woman uses all the instincts of womanly wisdom, hellish training, and devilish seduction to keep him off balance and under her spell.

A strange woman cannot afford to let him consider his ways. She must keep his soul a slave to her desires.

Solomon had learned the hard way that her "*heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands.*" Snares and nets are the tools of those who trap unwary animals, birds, or fish. They are disguised from view; they are often moved; and they have attractive bait attached. (**Ecclesiastes 7:26**)

Whorish women are like beasts of prey, crouching, sneaking, hiding, and then pouncing on their unwary victims to their mortal destruction (**Proverbs 23:28**).

Samson knew Delilah wanted to destroy him, by three previous events; yet he could not resist her seductive wiles; and she destroyed a strong man (**Judges 16:4-21**).

Tamar knew she must alter her appearance and ways to snare Judah, which she did (**Genesis 38:12-19**).

Young man, certain safety is only by staying far from whorish women (*Proverbs 5:8; 4:15; Romans 13:14*).

To expose yourself, to whorish women wiles, is more than you can handle. Flee (*Genesis 39:12; 2Timothy 2:22*)!

Our Lord Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin (*Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:15*).

Being a precious and perfect man, He was surely exposed to both malicious and weak women with efforts toward Him, but He resisted them all. (*Proverbs 6:26*)

Proverbs 5:7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

Here are important Words of warning from a father to his children! Can you detect his anxious care for them? Can you discern his fear that they might neglect or reject his advice?

What was the grave danger? Solomon the loving father warned his children against fornication, or sexual activity outside of a legitimate Christian marriage (*Proverbs 5:1-23*).

Sexual temptation is one of the greatest threats to youth. There are two reasons for this danger: Bodily and social lusts are powerful, and the consequences are terrible.

If a father loves his children, he will make every effort to protect them from this temptation and its life-wrecking results. Because of inborn folly in youth, he must exhort strongly.

The youth have young bodies with the highest levels of sex hormones.

The youth are foolish and cannot see the pain that lies ahead for cheating.

The youth are driven by peer pressure to acquire friends of the opposite sex, which often causes sexual compromise.

The youth generally have excessive freedom and numerous carnal activities that lead to frivolity and opportunities for sin.

The consequences are terrible. Of course, the foolish young person, without proper instruction and warnings, will never appreciate the danger.

The youth cannot rightly dread the shame, the guilt, the loss of virginity, the unwanted pregnancy, the emotional scars, the painful memories, the loss of fellowship with God, the strained relationships, the sexual bondage, the

defiled conscience, the sexual diseases, the difficulty of moving forward, the broken trust, the feelings of worthlessness, the impaired intimate ability, and so on.

Today's profane generation makes it worse! Fornication, or casual sex as they call it, is normal, wonderful, and painless. It is promoted by lascivious songs, movies, novels, and magazines, by immodest clothing and immoral activities.

The youth ridicule purity and virginity. They despise parental authority that limits activities with the opposite sex.

The youth denigrate marriage. They provide easy birth control. They pound the senses with a constant barrage of audio and visual images to destroy inhibitions.

Young person! You must soberly consider and remember your parents' warnings. Obey them. Do not think you know better! Do not think your parents are depriving you of pleasure! Do not deceive yourself!

You do not have a clue about the painful consequences listed above. The short-term pleasure of sexual sins never comes close to the long-term pain and trouble that certainly follows.

Your parents and pastor are the only ones that truly care for your successful future. **If** you have any wisdom, hear them and obey them!

Parents! Are you plainly warning your children about the danger?

Parents! Are you establishing rules from early ages against un-chaperoned dating?

Parents! Do you have fixed rules for music, movies, reading, friends, and activities? Do you clearly point out the appeal and power of sexual lusts? Do you graphically identify the painful consequences?

If you are not doing these things openly and consistently, you are an accomplice in your children's future ruin. This is one of their greatest battles.

So, are you past youthful lusts? Great! But God hates spiritual fornication as well, religious compromise (*James 4:4; 2Corinthians 6:14-18*)!

Do you seek and hear preaching of sound doctrine (*Luke 8:18; 2Timothy 4:3-4*)?

Are you committed to the old paths of Christianity (*Jeremiah 6:16; Jude 1:3*)?

The danger to play the whore is great, especially with the seduction of carnal Christianity (*2Timothy 3:1-7*).

The Lord Jesus Christ will not stand for your infidelity (*2Corinthians 11:1-2; Revelation 2:20-23*).

Repent! Keep yourself a pure virgin!

Proverbs 5:8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

How close should you get to a cliff in the dark? How close should you allow a baby to play near a pool? How many loaded guns should you leave accessible to young children?

The strange woman, a whore or adulteress, is a great danger for men (***Proverbs 5:1-5***).

Many Christian homes and pulpits are too refined to speak openly about her, and the rest are too carnal and worldly to notice or care.

God's wisdom is to identify her, condemn her, and give men sober and practical wisdom against her. To be silent on this subject is to commit moral murder and reject God's Word, for fornication is a great threat to men.

Few can resist an attractive woman using words and wiles inviting him to intimacy (***Proverbs 7:13-21***).

Samson, the strongest of men, gave away his secret to a Philistine whore, whom he knew sought his destruction (***Proverbs 7:26***).

Our Proverb, is a simple solution, a wonderful rule from the Holy Spirit. Do you truly want to walk with God and please Him in all things?

Here is wisdom: stay far away from her, and don't even get near her!

The cure for sexual temptation is to get far away from it, just as you would a cliff in the dark. Get away! Get far away! Get far away now!

Sexual temptation is too powerful to play with it. You must run away from any influence leading to thoughts of other women.

You cannot justify any! Get away! You cannot play with this temptation at all. Young man! Flee youthful lusts (***2Timothy 2:22***)!

If you give this sin any room at all, it will deceive and seduce your soul like no other.

If you give her an opening, you will have no strength to resist her words and wiles.

Jesus told men to pluck out their eyes or cut off their hands, when it comes to sexual temptation. He did not

mean body mutilation. He meant giving up any and every thing in life, no matter how valuable or precious, **If** it tempts you toward this sin (***Matthew 5:27-30***).

The Holy Spirit through Paul told men to make no provision for the flesh, which means avoiding anything that might even lead toward the possibility of sin (***Romans 13:13-14***).

Get away! Get far away! Don't even give this sin a chance to get started! Don't even give it a possibility! Run!

But men play with television, where attractive women with few clothes and no morals create a powerful stimulus for sexual thoughts.

David, the man after God's own heart, whose name was much set by in Israel, would not set a wicked thing before his eyes (***Psalms 101:3***).

You must treat the television like an intruder in the night. Fear it, and hate it!

Job made a covenant with his eyes to avoid even looking or thinking on any woman other than his wife (***Job 31:1***).

Job begged for painful judgment, if he did (***Job 31:9-12***).

How much television do you think this perfect, God-fearing man would watch in a week?

But men play with pornography, where numerous techniques are used to create the ultimate visual images. The strange women in the pictures are everything Solomon warned against.

To argue that no one gets hurt with pornography: Is to ignore God! Is to ignore your present or future wife! Is to ignore your own soul! Is to ignore your children!

Pornography Will Totally Destroy You!

Men play at pools, beaches, and cruises, where women wear less than underwear, though much prettier. What is wrong with such vacations? ***Proverbs 5:8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house!***

Obey God Rather Than Your Deceptive Heart!

Men play at malls and popular restaurants, where barely-dressed women parade back and forth. Such places, may be the eyes and hands, you must remove from your life!

Men play at office situations, where forward secretaries vie for male attention, with sensual clothing and flirtatious ways.

Can't quit your job because of sexual temptation? Is that what you would tell Joseph, who went to prison to avoid his mistress? Joseph knew what to do. He ran from her presence so hastily that he left a garment in her hands. And he did this knowing the full consequences of his right choice (**Genesis 39:7-20**). Men play at temptation of neighbors, church members, and other friends. The choice is simple, either get totally away from the situation or prepare to die. You cannot play with fire and not get burned. You cannot walk the edge of a cliff in the dark and not fall.

The damage to your soul, from sexual fantasies will be deep and permanent, apart from the healing grace of God. The Thought Of Foolishness Is Sin! (**Proverbs 24:9**)

If you need to cancel subscriptions or the internet, cancel them!

If you need to change gyms to avoid women in spandex, then change your membership!

If you can no longer vacation at the beach, then learn to love the mountains!

If you need to ask for a transfer away from your departmental secretary, then ask for it immediately!

Christian man, **If** you stay far away from her, you will never be with her. Simple, isn't it?

But Satan and our generation are trying to bring her into your home by way of television, the internet, magazines, newspapers, and other aspects of our modern society. You must cut off these opportunities.

If you cannot control them, then get rid of them altogether.

The choice is yours. **If** you love the Lord Jesus Christ, then you will flee anything that leads to sin against Him.

If you love holiness, then you will hate iniquity and one of the greatest temptations, is toward the strange woman. For she could and will damn your soul for only apparent pleasure, and only for a short season. Even hell on earth seems like a long time.

Our Lord was tempted in all points like we are, yet He never sinned. He knows about sexual temptations, but He calls with authoritative power and tender affection to avoid her. *Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity (2Timothy 2:19)!*

Proverbs 5:9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

Fornication or adultery is self-destructive! Whores are cruel! They will steal and destroy your reputation, time, money, family, soul, and health.

Pretending great love, loyalty, and pleasure, they will use you until you are no longer profitable for them and then dump you.

Without a miracle of God's grace, your reputation and soul will be ruined forever.

Solomon warned his son and children against the strange woman, an adulteress or whore that preys on men (**Proverbs 5:1-7**).

His advice was simple, "*Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house*" (**Proverbs 5:8**).

His remedy was just as simple, have a great relationship with your legitimate wife and have lots of legitimate children (**Proverbs 5:15-23**).

Solomon's son was a precious life, the kind of noble person whores pursue (**Proverbs 6:26; 23:27-28**).

Whores despise base and wicked men; they dream about seducing a man of character and principle, a man with ability, confidence, intelligence, leadership, and spirituality. Only a precious life has honor to give away, and only a precious life is free from other vices.

When a girl gives away her virginity, or a wife commits adultery, God declares they are humbled, reduced greatly in value and polluted (**Genesis 34:2; Numbers 5:11-31; Deuteronomy 21:14; 22:24, 29; Judges 19:24; Ezekiel 22:10-11**).

Therefore, virgins carry a high premium to godly men (**Exodus 22:17; Leviticus 21:14; Deuteronomy 13:22-31; 2Samuel 13:18-19; 2Corinthians 11:1-2**).

If it is true for the woman, it is more true for the man, who is the image and glory of God (**1Corinthians 11:7**).

When A Man Falls To A Whorish Woman He Is Spoiled In The Sight Of God And Men.

Samson gave away his honor, as the strongest man, to a conniving, conspiring, and seducing prostitute of the Philistines.

Though he knew, she was deceitful and wanted to destroy him, he could not resist her wiles. He lost his strength, reputation, office, sight, and his life. His story should be read and reread by men to learn the danger of women.

Solomon married a thousand such women, and he said of them, "*And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as*

bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her" (Ecclesiastes 7:26).

It is this kind of women that increase the sinners among even strong men (**Proverbs 7:26; 23:27-28**).

Nehemiah wrote, *"Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin" (Nehemiah 13:26).*

The danger is real! An attractive woman can easily flatter and seduce a man into the heinous sin of adultery. Her beauty and offers of intimate favors are too powerful (**Proverbs 6:25**).

Therefore, Solomon warned against her honey-like words, and he even illustrated her methods in a lengthy parable. Safety is by staying far away (**Proverbs 2:16; 5:3; 5:8; 6:23-24; 7:6**)!

It is amazing, that even the basest women in ability, character, and intelligence can exert power over men who should know better.

But their sexual sins enslaved them, and they give up everything for the fantasy of love from women who are not even capable of love. What a cheap exchange! What a wretched future! Stay far away! (**Proverbs 5:22**)

A whorish woman is a cruel creature. She is selfish, she is without any sense of loyalty, and she is totally without compassion for her victims (**Proverbs 30:20**).

She will steal a man's reputation and money and break his heart, without a twinge of conscience.

When the prodigal returned home, where were all the harlots that eagerly took his money, promising him their love by word and action. As in all similar cases, they were lying leeches. (**Luke 15:30**)?

Men sacrifice reputations, squander money, waste time, lose jobs, leave their families, destroy their wives, ruin their children, break their parents' hearts, contract sexual diseases, and are despised by family and friends to pursue the fantasy of love with a whore! Why?

Because he did not keep his heart with all diligence and wandered too close to her house (**Proverbs 4:23; 7:8**)!

So reader, how is your heart? Can you hear the sober warning? A thought or step toward any woman you have not married is a thought or step toward death and hell (**Proverbs 5:5; 7:27; 9:18**).

She does not love you, and she never will; she is not capable of true love. Keep your honor! Save your life! Be like Joseph, who was stronger than Samson and David in sexual character!

Can an adulterer reclaim his honor? Hardly! Solomon understood this question, because his father was an adulterous murderer; and he did not offer hope with natural men (**Proverbs 6:29-35**).

Yet, David remained king and prophet, and saints have admired him and his psalms most highly. There is forgiveness with God and good men (**2Samuel 12:13; 1Corinthians 6:9-11**).

The woman of Samaria and Mary Magdalene were sinners, but they are two wonderful women in the annals of the New Testament.

Many harlots entered the kingdom of God, for Jesus forgave them all (**Matthew 21:31-32**).

He came into the world to save sinners (**1Timothy 1:15**).

He forgave even the incestuous fornicator at Corinth (**2Corinthians 2:6-11**).

The honor of being a son of God cannot be taken away, even if your reputation is sullied.

Proverbs 5:10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;

Whores are expensive! Solomon gave his son another reason to stay away from the strange woman, which is any woman he has not married, whether prostitute, whore, or adulteress.

They cost a lot of money, to buy favors or keep happy, and his assets and income, would go to those not part of his family, who cannot provide any lasting benefit.

Here is the wisdom of God! To combat the powerful lusts in a young man and warn him thoroughly of the folly of fornication and adultery, you need to say more than *"Flee fornication"* (**1Corinthians 6:18**) and *"Thou shalt not commit adultery"* (**Exodus 20:14**).

There are many other threats and warnings you can give to help him defeat this tempting lust. You would hope and wish a young man could be kept sexually pure simply by knowing God has forbidden such sins, like Joseph was with Potiphar's wife (**Genesis 39:9**).

But that is neither realistic nor wise. Many young men are not even born again to have a heart that fears God, and those that are, may not be at Joseph's level of spiritual maturity and zeal.

Most of Proverbs shows the natural consequences of sins. While some of God's laws are stated and applied, much of the book, is observations of pain and suffering caused by sin.

Parents ought to take note. They can do a much more thorough job of training their children, **If** they follow Solomon's lead and explain all the painful consequences of sin.

Whores are expensive! **If** a young man foolishly visits a prostitute, the price is exorbitant for mere moments of pleasure. And there is no discount for guilt or for a grieved conscience!

His hard earned money is split between a woman who does not care about him and her pimp, who is the lowest scum of the race.

Wake up, young man! Marry a godly woman and make love freely every night with your best friend and perpetual companion.

Whores are expensive! **If** a young man foolishly takes an adulteress, he must bring lavish gifts, as she is very interested in liaisons that flatter her.

Caught in the deceitful trap of imagined love, the young fool will do all he can to pamper, this wicked woman, forgetting that she is taking his living with no commitment!

Wake up, young man! Marry a godly woman and make love freely every night with your best friend and perpetual companion.

Fornication can bring poverty. Even pornography can rob a man, for the whores and publishers, whether magazine or internet, want a monetary return for their wickedness.

And many adulterers, have squandered a family estate, by either funneling money to their whores, and losing their professional zeal, by the distraction of the consuming iniquity.

Proverbs 5:11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

**Death Sobers Sinners
Even Fornicators.**

When a man is in health, he justifies his sins. He enjoys their pleasures, sees or feels no evil consequences, and has much time in the future for amending his ways. But the deathbed brings mourning, when he wishes he could go back and relive his life.

**Fornicators!
Hate This Sin Before It Consumes Body
Then Soul!**

If a man knew he would die today, fornication would be the farthest thing from his mind. The brevity of life,

finality of death, and reality of eternal judgment would keep his mind from such sinful folly. He would be preparing his heart and soul to depart this world and meet the Judge of all men. Fornicators! How do you know you will not die today?

The Holy Spirit, is in the middle of a long sentence describing, the consequences of fornication (***Proverbs 5:8-14***).

The Holy Spirit's point here, is the grief that will surely come at the hopeless and painful end of life, for sinning against all the instruction and wisdom of his teachers and guides.

Fornicators can die many ways! There is a great list of venereal or sexually transmitted diseases that ravage and consume human flesh in different ways and places.

The mourning wails and shrieks of the sufferers are terrible. But whether death comes directly or indirectly, the consequences are the same. You will grievously wish to relive your life!

What can a young man learn from this Proverb? *"It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart" (Ecclesiastes 7:2).*

Feasting, or partying, is the atmosphere and activity that leads to foolish thoughts and fornication. A funeral, however, will cause young men to consider the grave and righteous living, before it is too late.

Solomon also said, *"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Ecclesiastes 12:1).*

Painful days are coming. The future is certain, young man! You are going to die and give an account of your every secret thought and action. Think about it today!

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

Every young man, who repents and puts his total trust in Jesus Christ, can face that death with joy and peace.

Proverbs 5:12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

Why do you continue in haughty disregard for instruction and reproof? It will soon be too late!

The day is fast approaching, when you will rue your rebellion. You will regret the many times you rejected the teaching of parents, pastors, and other counselors.

You will moan the Words of this Proverb in agony, as you find your sin hateful (*Psalm 36:1-4*).

Here begins Solomon's lengthy warnings against the strange woman, the whore of fornication and adultery (*Proverbs 5:3-6*).

A long sentence covers *Proverbs 5:8-13*, in which Solomon appeals to his children to avoid her at all costs.

Solomon warns them, that choosing her now will bring a day, in the future, when they will deeply grieve for neglecting and rejecting his advice.

When a sinner is cut down and faces destruction and death, he mourns the foolish choices he made in his life (*Proverbs 5:11*).

**There Are No Unbelievers In Hell!
Very Few On Their Deathbeds!**

His complaint will include remorse for ignoring and despising the faithful warnings of those who tried to warn him (*Proverbs 5:12-13*).

Young man, your lust for a beautiful woman is a powerful drug (*Proverbs 6:25; 7:26*).

Lust's addicting powers and damning consequences exceed any chemical narcotic (*Proverbs 5:22; 7:27*).

The whorish woman will destroy your soul (*Proverbs 6:32*)!

Stay away from her at all costs! Avoid the places where she goes! Avoid anything that makes you think of her! Fill your life with good and wholesome substitutes! Beg God for a God fearing wife and an overwhelming passion for her!

You have been warned!

If you slight this warning or continue in a course of sexual lust and sin, you will regret your folly.

If you disregard the instruction and reproof that could save your life, it will add to your misery when your sin finds you out!

**Heed The Advice!
Deliver Yourself Today!**

**Commit The Advice To Your Soul!
And Run Fast And Far From Her!**

How painfully did Samson recall his parents' warning (*Judges 14:1-3*)?

As Samson blindly stumbled in a perpetual circle grinding for the Philistines, how many times did he hear, *"Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines?"* But the

fool had let lust destroy learning, and now it was too late. The best he could hope for was suicide!

A rich man woke up in hell! He had daydreamed while the Scriptures were read in the synagogue. He had silenced the cries of his conscience. He had despised the reproofs of parents, scribes, and teachers.

Now Abraham spoke, *"Son, remember!"* It was too late. They were gone now! Hell was so hot! And so long! Why hadn't he listened? Why? His teachers had warned about this place!

**Blessed Opportunities
Instruction And Reproof!**

How is it with you? Have you hated instruction? Despised reproof? Have you thought you know better? Have you dozed during preaching? Have you Despised the preacher? Drowned out his sober warnings and instruction with noise and activity?

When you don't take heed, you sin against the kindness from God and men, and you will soon regret your choice. Reader humble yourself today! Repent of your forwardness! Confess your sin! Choose to obey instead!

God will not put up with rebellion forever (*Proverbs 29:1*). You will end up like a brute beast (*Proverbs 10:17; 12:1*).

The Holy Spirit will not convict you forever. Those kind pangs, of conscience will go away, and you will be left hardened in your sin.

The Lord walks among His churches (*Revelation 1:9 - 2:1*).

The Lord calls the sensible to remember how they have fallen, to repent, and to do the first works (*Revelation 2:5*).

If they refuse, He will come quickly and remove a church's candlestick or a sinner's life (*Revelation 2:20-23*).

Proverbs 5:13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

**Why Didn't I Listen To My Teachers?
Why Didn't I Obey Their Warnings?**

**Now It Is Too Late!
My Life Is Ruined!**

These are the painful cries of a fool, who rejected advice about sexual sins. His grief is great, but it does not matter. He has destroyed his life with whores. He is sick with regret: he wishes he could go back. Note the exclamation point at the end of the verse!

This chapter is dedicated to warning young men about sexual sins. Solomon warned his son about the sweet-talking strange woman (*Proverbs 5:1-7*).

This Proverb, concludes a long sentence, in which he warns his sons to stay far away from her, lest they end up destroying, their lives and grieving hopelessly for not listening to his instruction (*Proverbs 5:8-13*).

To Whom Much Is Given Shall Much Be Required
(*Luke 12:47-48*).

If pastors, parents, teachers, and friends warned you against sexual sins, then your guilt and punishment, will be more severe, for sinning against greater knowledge.

Consider the grief and guilt that Samson and David felt for their fornication (*Judges 16:20-21; Psalm 51:8*).

If it is true, that you have been taught and warned about sexual sins? Then flee for your life!

Sex is a great gift from God, but He limited it to marriage with one spouse (*Proverbs 5:15-19*), severely condemning any other intimacy (*Proverbs 5:20-23*).

Though young men burn with sexual desire from God-given testosterone, they are to keep their bodies under control and limit any sexual thoughts or activity to a wife (*Proverbs 5:19; 1Corinthians 6:13-20; 1Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4*).

The world is obsessed with sex. Morality has died. Younger and younger children seek it. Advertisers exploit it. Entertainers promote it. Legislators excuse it. Parents allow it. Pharmacists protect it. Women wear less in public; many are whores, killing inhibitions to accept casual sex.

**The Temptations For Men (And Women)
Have Never Been Greater!**

**God Has Spoken!
Ignoring Him, Will Ruin Your Life!**

God limited sex to one man and one woman in a loving marriage. Intimacy with any other person is not allowed.

God taught it at creation (*Genesis 2:18-25*).

The patriarchs understood it (*Genesis 39:7-12*).

The Law of Moses forbid it (*Leviticus 18:1-30*).

The gospel condemns it (*Ephesians 5:3-7; Hebrews 13:4; Revelation 21:8*).

**Your Choices Today
Will Affect The Rest Of Your Life.**

Men **If** you look at pornography, which is so enticing, available, and "innocent," you will ruin your life (*Proverbs 5:19-23; 6:25; 2Samuel 11:2-4; Psalm 101:3; Matthew 5:28; Romans 6:16*).

Women must remember, that their romance novels are the exact counterpart, to nude pictures for men. Both of these hellish inventions, excite the lusts for sexual sin and destroy contentment.

If you are even slightly tempted with an ungodly relationship, do everything to get away from it! Jesus would tell you to pluck out your right eye or cut off your right hand to avoid it (*Matthew 5:29-30*)!

Some sins you can fight, but this sin you must flee (*2Timothy 2:22*)!

If you have a pang of conscience, it is God's pure mercy to you! Repent, and Run, Now!

You cannot go back once you sin sexually (*Proverbs 6:32-33; Deuteronomy 22:13-21*).

What restitution will you offer? It will utterly be condemned (*Proverbs 6:34-35; Song of Solomon 8:6-7*)!

The trap has sprung, and you are caught. Only by Great Grace and in rare events does God recover sexual sinners (*Proverbs 2:18-19; 5:4-5, 11, 22-23; 7:26-27; 9:18; 23:27; Ecclesiastes 7:26*).

Do not boast of repenting tomorrow. God may leave you rotting in your sins without the ability to repent!

You cannot limit this Proverb to just sexual sins! **If** you have been taught truth or wisdom on any subject, you must esteem that teaching, and hate every false way (*Psalm 119:128*).

God will hold you accountable for sinning presumptuously, against the mercy of instruction and warning (*Numbers 15:30-31; Luke 12:47-48; James 4:17*).

A day is coming for all of us. Which the fear, grief, and horror cannot be described, for all shall give an account of their life to God (*Ecclesiastes 12:14; Romans 14:10-11; 2Corinthians 5:10-11; Revelation 20:11-15*).

It will be far too late to pay attention to parents or pastors.

The books will be opened; secret sins and presumptuous sins exposed; and the eternal sentence given!

In That Day: You will wish the pastor had preached longer! You will wish your parents had been stricter! You will wish your pastor had preached harder! You will wish your parents had punished more severely!

You will wish you could go back and attend church differently! You will wish you had listened!

The change, in your perspective, will be unbelievably great in only one second of time! There is only one way to avoid the horrific predicament of this Proverb: obey today what you have been taught.

If you daily obey God's rules and parental and pastoral warnings about sin, you will not fear the hopeless grief of this Proverb. But **If** you arrogantly or rebelliously go ahead in your lusts, you will suffer for it.

Proverbs 5:14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

Hypocrisy! Holding sins while pretending to worship God.

Hypocrisy! Privately loving sin while publicly pretending religion.

Hypocrisy! Singing and praying to God with the lips, while playing with lusts in the heart.

Hypocrisy! Approaching the holy presence of God with sin staining your soul.

Hypocrisy! Being tormented with the knowledge of God and the pleasure of sin that He hates.

**The Soul Pain
Of A Religious Fornicator
Is Horrific!**

Solomon in this chapter warned his son and children of the horror of adultery (*Proverbs 5:1-2,7*).

Warned from the desirable, and seemingly innocent, enticement of a strange woman (*Proverbs 5:3*).

A foolish man, a religious fornicator, will be brought down to destruction and misery (*Proverbs 5:4-10*).

When this sin has finished its course, the sinner will not believe his folly at rejecting so many warnings (*Proverbs 5:11-13*).

These Words before us, describe maybe the greatest agony of all, religious hypocrisy!

In the place, that should have been for his comfort and peace, the house of God, he was tortured with fear, guilt, and shame.

With the knowledge of the Holy and His hatred for sin pounding his stricken conscience, he tried to worship, while bound by the cords of his enslaving sin (*Proverbs 5:22*).

The internal conflict was too great to bear, his new man crying against the old man, the Holy Spirit convicting against the lustful thoughts of the devil! *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

At such times, a sinning saint can wish he had never known the way of truth. The unregenerate have no such pains. They sin with abandon. Their conscience is so seared as to be quite silent.

But yet he knows such thoughts are those of an atheist, which he cannot be, no matter how hard he might try. The praise of the righteous, the joy of the faithful, and the reading of Scripture are goading pains.

**This Is The Agony Of
A Religious Hypocrite!**

How did it begin? By playing with a little attractive sin. He allowed exposure to the most alluring temptation for a man (another woman). Her flattery enticed him (*Proverbs 5:3*).

Then his lusts conceived the idea that taking her offer of intimacy would bring great pleasure (*James 1:14-15*).

But just as quickly as the thought of pleasure came, it disappeared just as quickly, after he had crippled his soul, with the hated act. His conscience was now condemned!

Keep your heart reader, with all diligence (*Proverbs 4:23*)! God hates hypocrisy! God wants your heart, all of it!

God does not care about your lips, **If** your heart is not His first. God does not care about your attendance, **If** you are thinking approvingly about sin.

Men who pray in public with eyes full of adultery are marked (*2Peter 2:13-19*).

God seeks the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart (*Psalms 51:17*). Forsake your sins!

Self-righteous woman! Have you read this warning with disdain for the foolish men and with joy at the tormenting consequences of their sin?

Your thoughtless wickedness is worse, for you have no conscience, nor is there much hope of your recovery. You have already drowned in the self-flattering deceit and pride. **If** you can find even a twinge of conscience, confess your sin before it is gone.

Monogamous man and virtuous woman! Do not think this warning has no value for you. Hypocrisy can occur with any sin, and there is no difference in the sight of God. Backbiting and whispering are just variations on

murder! Negative murmuring and lack of thankfulness are also sins that God hates!

James warned his readers that offending in one sin is to be guilty of all before God (*James 2:10*). Any form of hypocrisy is a horrible sin.

This Proverb has warning Words for young men. You will face this horrible agony and misery of conscience, **If** you sin at all with other women, whether by pictures, words, activities, or thoughts.

Flee away from her! There is no greater temptation than the strange woman, and she will take you all the way down to destruction (*Proverbs 2:18; 5:5; 7:27; 9:18*).

Proverbs 5:15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

Water, a precious blessing in the Middle East, here is a metaphor for sexual pleasure with a woman. Water satisfies thirst, and is necessary for survival, and very pleasing to a thirsty soul (*Proverbs 25:25*).

Men would store extra water in cisterns, or holding tanks; and they would draw water from wells, which they dug. Every man needed his own supply to protect himself and his family.

Men seek and need, the water of sexual pleasure, for the LORD put a great desire for it and a need for it (*1Corinthians 7:2,9; Genesis 2:18*).

The exceptions, established by this well known rule are confirmed by nature, rather than nullifying it (*Matthew 19:10-12; 1Timothy 4:3; 1Corinthians 9:5*).

Though wine is a blessing from the LORD and men crave food, by drinking and eating without limitation or holy discipline is sin and folly (*Proverbs 23:20; Psalm 104:15*).

So also, men who forget the rules of this water are guilty of sin and deserve punishment.

Your own wife is one of God's great gifts, for which you should be constantly thankful (*Proverbs 18:22*).

Wisdom demands, that a man drink of this pleasure from his own wife only, and not from the wives of others; for marriage is honorable in all sexual actions, and the bed undefiled, but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge (*Hebrews 13:4*).

No man need even consider the cisterns or wells of others, for his own by God's wise design, are more than enough for his needs and happiness. To think upon the cisterns and wells of others is to sin, and open the door

for great folly (*Proverbs 6:25; Job 31:1; Matthew 5:28*).

If your water supply at home seems lacking, then maybe the pump needs priming (*Ephesians 5:25-29; Song of Solomon 1:2; 2:4; 5:2-4; 7:1-10*).

Constant vigilance to maintain peace and happiness with your wife is one of the surest protections against this great sin.

The strong warning here to limit yourself to your own wife, includes any use of pornography, to steal pleasure from others, and cause discontentment, with your own water supply, as Solomon warns (*Proverbs 5:19; Psalm 101:3; 2Samuel 11:1-3; Hebrews 13:5*).

Every daughter of God should be careful and faithful in making sure her husband drinks, often, and pleasantly, lest she drive him to wells that are not his, due to bitterness or dryness in his own cistern and well (*1Corinthians 7:2-5*).

Proverbs 5:16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

Fornication and adultery are powerful lusts. A remedy for these temptations is to consider the wonderful blessing of lawful children.

The strange woman is a dangerous foe. Young men must be taught early the glory of a large and godly family from honorable pleasure with their fruitful wife.

The Holy Spirit here teaches us another very good lesson against sexual sin. Let every man take careful heed, and let every woman learn wisdom.

The fifth chapter of Proverbs deals with the strange woman (any woman other than the one to whom a man is married).

Solomon warns his son against the great temptation the strange woman creates (*Proverbs 5:1-3, 6-8, 20*).

And Solomon describes the horrible consequences of sinning with her (*Proverbs 5:4-5, 9-14, 21-23*).

Here is a father warning his son about life's greatest trap. For the bitterness of wormwood and sharpness of a two-edged sword are hard to describe.

Solomon raises several practical arguments against this sin. He tells plainly of: The bitter pain, the bitter death, and the bitter hell she brings (*Proverbs 5:4-5*).

Solomon warns she will destroy his son's reputation (*Proverbs 5:9*) and devour his living (*Proverbs 5:10*).

Solomon warns about the pain of a violated conscience (*Proverbs 5:11-14*).

Solomon recommends loyalty to his lawful wife (*Proverbs 5:15*) and holy fascination with her body and lovemaking (*Proverbs 5:19-20*).

Solomon warns of God's judgment for sexual sins (*Proverbs 5:21*) and the addicting nature of sexual liberties (*Proverbs 5:22-23*).

Here Is Excellent Practical Wisdom!

Sexual enjoyment of a wife is one of God's greatest gifts to man. It is honorable; it is to be used frequently and wisely to the complete pleasure of both (*1 Corinthians 7:1-5; Hebrews 13:4*).

Sexual enjoyment is a great remedy against wandering lusts (*Proverbs 5:19-20*).

Sexual enjoyment is described as drinking waters out of your own cistern and well, for men should satisfy their sexual thirst from their own wives only. (*Proverbs 5:15*) See comments on *Proverbs 5:15*.

Our Proverb contains even another argument against the strange woman. A wise man will consider the blessing and glory of a large and legitimate family, where his influence and pleasure is realized through many children marrying and having more children of their own.

These are the fountains and rivers, which a man should desire and enjoy. By lawful offspring, a man can disperse influence and glory abroad.

Children of a sinful relationship are not so. Men are ashamed to own ill-legitimate children as their own. They are a perpetual reminder of shame. Jephthah is the perfect example (*Judges 11:1-2*). Even our heavenly Father speaks of them despicably (*Hebrews 12:5-8*).

While a man may love a child born out of wedlock, the trouble and difficulties are great. The example of Isaac and Ishmael prove this clearly, even though Abram did "marry" Hagar.

The Holy Spirit through Solomon pursues this additional argument against the strange woman for three verses (*Proverbs 5:16-18*).

A man should delight in the natural use of his wife; he should enjoy her conception, he should enjoy her pregnancy, and he should enjoy her childbirth; he should rejoice with his wife being a mother of many children.

Here is something the strange woman cannot offer, the creation of a legitimate and godly family for the glory of God and the pleasure of two holy parents.

The fountains of a man are his children, who are able to have more children of their own, bearing his name and character. Jacob, or Israel, was a fountain, he had twelve sons (*Deuteronomy 33:28*)! Judah was one of his rivers of waters, for he grew into a mighty nation (*Isaiah 48:1*)!

The nation of Israel was the fountain from Israel, or Jacob (*Psalms 68:26*)! See also *Numbers 24:7* for an elegant and modest metaphor of Israel's great increase!

A man's particular fountain is his singular wife, which is stated clearly in our context. We read, "*Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth*" (*Proverbs 5:18*).

And this woman is able to bear him the additional fountains of our Proverb, the children who in turn can increase his influence in the city and the whole earth!

A blessed situation is to have many boys and girls playing in the streets, from your loins (*Zechariah 8:5*)!

Children, and many of them, are God's blessing. "*Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate*" (*Psalms 127:3-5*).

A fruitful wife, who is a gushing fountain and a fruit-bearing vine, is a blessing from God. "*Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD. The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel*" (*Psalms 128:3-6*).

Young men should be taught the glory of a pregnant wife and a nursing mother. Conception should be praised; pregnancy enjoyed; childbirth celebrated; nursing exalted; and children esteemed highly.

The present generation is perverse, for pregnancy is avoided at all costs; it is thought a burden and judgment when it does occur. God forbid such folly! Let the righteous raise the birthrate and increase its progeny in this wicked generation!

If a man took this great blessing seriously, he would have little desire for the strange woman, who cannot give these great pleasures with God and man's blessings and peace.

For the whore must avoid conception or birth to hide her sin, and illegitimate children are a perpetual problem rather than a productive pleasure.

Whoredom does not bring increase (*Hosea 4:10*). Let every young man hate the folly that would steal his increase.

The Lord Jesus Christ Has Married His Bride, The Church.

The Lord Jesus Christ has sought a godly seed (*Romans 8:29*).

We are His fountain, His numerous progeny (*Hebrews 2:13*).

We are for signs and wonders in Israel, to the glory of His grace (*Isaiah 8:18*).

The Lord Jesus Christ saw His seed and prolonged His days. Praise Him, ye children! Give glory to God through Jesus Christ! (*Isaiah 53:10*)

It is by the careful cultivation of our relationships in the family of God that we bring forth further increase, by His blessing (*Colossians 2:19; Ephesians 4:15-16*).

The children of God, the bride of Christ, should have an influence in their cities and world for the glory of our LORD (*Malachi 2:15; Matthew 5:13-16*).

Proverbs 5:17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

Solomon, having shown the great evil that there is in adultery and fornication, and all such lewd and filthy lifestyles, here prescribes remedies against them.

Enjoy with satisfaction the comforts of lawful marriage. Which was ordained of God for the prevention of uncleanness. Which therefore ought to be made use of in a timely manner.

Let none complain that God has dealt unkindly with them in forbidding them those pleasures which they have a natural desire for. For God has graciously provided for the regular gratification of them. You may not indeed eat of every tree of the garden, but choose thee out one, which pleases you.

Let him that is married take delight in his wife, and let him be very fond of her: Because she is, the wife, that he has chosen and he ought to be pleased with his choice. Because she is the wife, that God in His providence, appointed for him. Because he ought to be much more pleased with her, because she is his own.

Let young men marry. Marry and not burn (*1Corinthians 7:9*).

Let thy fountain be blessed (*Proverbs 5:18*).

Consider yourself very happy with her, look upon her as a blessed wife, let her have your daily blessing, pray daily for her, and then rejoice with her. Those marital comforts and joys are sanctified to us by prayer and the blessing of God.

Mutual Delight Is The Bond Of Mutual Fidelity.

Not only the bridegroom rejoices but God as well (*Isaiah 62:5*).

Live joyfully with the wife, whom you love, all the days of thy life. Let him be fond of his wife and love her dearly (*Proverbs 5:19; Ecclesiastes 9:9*).

Let her be as the loving hind and the pleasant roe, such as some wealthy men, in Solomon's day, kept tame in their houses and played with. Desire no better diversion from difficulties of the day than the innocent and pleasant conversation of your own wife. Let her lie in your embrace, as the poor man's ewe-lamb did (*2Samuel 12:3*).

Lay your head in her embrace, and let that satisfy you at all times; never seek for pleasure in any other.

Let the man whom God has blessed take delight in his children and look upon them with pleasure. Look upon his children as streams from his own pure fountain.

Keep to your own wife, and you shall have: an increase of children, like rivers of water, whereas those that commit whoredom shall not increase (*Hosea 4:10*).

A peculiar child, which shall be only your own, whereas the children of whoredom, that are fathered, are not so.

A Praiseworthy Child, Will Bring Honor To You.

Proverbs 5:18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

Fathering children with a wife is a glorious and wonderful thing! God warned Solomon's son against adultery by praising the privilege and pleasure of a legitimate family (*Proverbs 5:16-18*).

The fountain, is a man's generative power, with a woman, which he limited to his wife, and he exalted a happy family as a blessing and delight worthy of rejoicing.

Adultery Destroys This Good Thing!

Whores cannot give it. They avoid conception, lest they be discovered. When a child is born out of wedlock, it causes more problems than blessings. And adultery crushes the heart of your wife.

Contentment With Your Wife Is Essential For A Happy Marriage.

It is only legitimate children from a monogamous marriage that bring blessing and joy to two loving parents. Solomon condemned adultery by promoting a legitimate family. See comments on ***Proverbs 5:16***.

Boys should be taught early that marrying the wife of his youth, and having a large, happy family are great goals. Girls should believe being a wife and mother are their most fulfilling and noble purposes.

Childbirth, a nursing mother, and happy children are blessings (***Proverbs 17:6; Job 21:11; 42:16; Psalms 107:41; 127:3-5; 128:1-6***).

They are also great antidotes to the short, deadly pleasure that whores offer. Our perverse society despises and ridicules the large families of several generations ago.

Family size in America has fallen from an average of 7.0 children in 1800 to 3.5 in 1900 to 1.6 in 2000. This collapse is partly due to the change from an agrarian/rural society to a service/urban one; but it also reflects the selfish and whorish lifestyles of most adults.

Defying the beauty and pleasure of a large family, our lascivious generation promotes a lifestyle of casual sex, multiple partners, commitment to free love, professional women, marriage without children, and spousal independence.

The family unit God ordained and blessed, which was for man's pleasure and prosperity, has become an item of scorn.

Divorce, single parenting, cohabitation, and same-sex marriages are in! Many children are raised in one-parent homes. When there are two, the one child is spoiled beyond belief. These children's end up with dysfunctional lives. Condemn the trends of our evil generation.

The righteous, who fear God and trust His Word, must restore the glory and prosperity of the family, a man and wife committed for life, loving their several or more children, and rejoicing in their extension by grandchildren!

You can do this by building your own marriage and family to be an example of blessing and pleasure, by condemning and avoiding all forms of casual sex outside marriage, by teaching your children these things, and by reproving and ridiculing all societal trends against God's family ordinances.

Proverbs 5:19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

Solomon warned his son to make three important choices:

1. Cherish his wife as a delicate object of affection,
2. Focus on her body and sexuality only, and
3. Let her affection and devotion consume him.

This inspired Proverb contains some of the most necessary marital advice for husbands. A man can profit much by learning and doing this wisdom and that in ***Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.***

If a man lets bitterness harden him toward his wife, desires the bodies of other women, or despises his wife's efforts to be his lover, he will destroy his marriage, his sexuality, and his soul.

Discontentment, especially in marriage, has terrible consequences! Beware!

God, knows more about marital love and pleasure than all men combined, and is giving invaluable instruction to those who will humble themselves, hear it, and apply it.

A bitter man is horribly unhappy, constantly frustrated, and sexually impaired.

A bitter man will hurt and neglect his wife, until she cannot love him, and the marriage becomes a sham.

A bitter man will be vulnerable to strange women, whose breasts cannot satisfy, no matter how beautiful, for they belong to cruel women God has condemned (***Proverbs 5:9***).

Solomon, the loving and wise father, soberly warned his son against the great dangers of discontentment.

A hind is a female deer, usually of the red deer family. A roe is a small species of deer of Europe and Asia. Together the Words describe a small, delicate, graceful, and tender female deer.

These deer were caught, tamed, and enjoyed as pets by kings and others in Solomon's time. Their refined, gentle natures were the delight of both men and women. And the wise man will refer to them again when describing his wife's beauty (***Song 4:5; 7:3***).

Coupled with Solomon's adjectives of "loving" and "pleasant", we see a wonderful Word picture of a delightful and prized woman worthy of love and protection.

Lady Wisdom calls all men to view their wives this way and treat them accordingly. A husband should carefully treat his wife with gentle affection and patient

tenderness, just as if he were caring for a loving hind and pleasant roe.

Paul confirmed this rule in the New Testament, when he commands men to cherish, treat with special care, their wives (*Ephesians 5:28-29*).

God formed Eve's breasts and every other detail of her body that were so marvelous to Adam's eyes and touch. And nothing has changed (men still marvel at a woman's body).

God made men to be attracted by a woman's body; and within marriage, it keeps the man coming back for more! Her body and lovemaking should be a constant source of delight, and a wise woman will know and exploit this for his and her happiness and pleasure.

The frequency, creativity, passion, and variety of sexual lovemaking are not suggestions, possibilities, or preferences; they are commandments (*1Corinthians 7:1-5*)!

It is a horrible act of covenant breaking, defrauding, and hatred to shortchange your spouse in any aspect of this dutiful privilege and honorable pleasure.

While breasts are mentioned by name in this Proverb, they are synecdoche for her whole body and sexual pleasure. But the perpetual importance of breasts for attraction and lovemaking is forcefully brought to our attention by Solomon's plain language.

Nothing has changed: breasts are still beautiful and important in the appearance and performance of a woman (*Song of Solomon 4:5; 7:1-10; Ezekiel 16:7; 23:3,8; Hosea 2:2*).

Women in Solomon's day were as concerned about their breasts as much as women are today (*Song of Solomon 1:13; 8:8-10*).

But our wicked society tries to expose breasts to public view, which God's saints must fight with all their power. Immodest clothes that emphasize, enhance, or expose the size or shape of breasts must be rejected.

This rule of holiness and godliness must apply to the other parts of a woman's body that also attract the attention and desire of men.

The present state of public undress makes it hard for men to be satisfied husbands at home for great marriages. God hates female immodesty (*Isaiah 3:16-24; 1Timothy 2:9-10; 1Peter 3:3-4*).

This Proverb binds every man to be content and satisfied with his wife's breasts, and the rest of her body, and her lovemaking.

This contentment is a choice. Every husband must choose to focus on what he has, rather than bemoan his fate for what he does not have. It is a command!

Our Proverb here is not a suggestion, and every man can do it, **If** he will obey the Lord. Of course, if his wife is depriving him of sexual pleasure or has let her appearance go to pot, it is his duty and right to correct the situation by wise and loving management of the marriage (*Genesis 3:16; 1Corinthians 7:3-5; 11:9; 14:34-35; Ephesians 5:22-24; Titus 2:4-5*).

The Creator, who designed love, sex, and every detail of both bodies, limited man sexually to one woman, and that only in marriage. To keep monogamy from becoming monotony, He gave these rules of marital advice for men.

If a man keeps them, he will realize the glorious happiness and fulfillment the LORD intended in creating Eve for Adam. He will fervently say with His Creator, "*It is very good!*" (*Genesis 2:18; 1Corinthians 11:9*)

Hollywood and Playboy are abject losers when it comes to love and sex, as their lives, divorces, dysfunction, and unhappiness prove. Ultimate love is only for obedient saints.

To ravish a thing is to seize and carry it away by violent force, as plundering spoil from an enemy. To ravish a person is to overpower them and take them away, as in sweeping them off their feet!

Wise men choose to be overcome by their wives' affection, devotion, and lovemaking. The rule here is not ravishing your wife, but rather being ravished by your wife! But since she is a responder, it includes your love of her!

It is a choice to be spoiled by her affection, so the strange woman has no means of approach or seduction!

It should be obvious that pornography is totally condemned by this Proverb. Being satisfied with your wife's breasts and body at all times does not allow even brief looks at the breasts or bodies of other women.

In order for a man to keep this Proverb, he must also be exceedingly careful with television and magazines and avoid public beaches or pools, shopping malls in summertime, coed gyms, and offices with immodest women. **If** such rules are too hard for you, then don't complain about your unhappy marriage.

Women can also destroy, their marriages, sexuality, and their souls, when they wish their husbands were different. A woman must not desire the communication, emotion, intelligence, leadership, personality, spirituality, success, or any other trait she sees in other men.

She must avoid thinking on these things. Her thoughts are the same as her husband wishing for the face, breasts, waist, or legs of another woman. She must choose to be content with the man she has married, just as she wants him to be content with her.

Romance novels, describing fantasy men, passionate seduction, and unrealistic emotions in make believe settings, are a woman's pornography.

Reading such fairy tales will lead a woman to be unhappy with her husband, for no man can or will measure up to such ridiculous fantasies.

Reading and dreaming about them is self-destruction and insanity. It is the same sin as men making their wives physically inferior by viewing pornography. Contentment in marriage is a learned choice, as it is in other things. It is an attitude, not better circumstances (*Philippians 4:11-12*).

There is no perfect spouse, and there never will be. Neither is there a perfect job, business, house, car, or vacation. So the key to success in marriage is to be content (totally satisfied, even ravished) by the one you have married.

Great gain is godliness with contentment, and it certainly applies to marriage. (*1 Timothy 6:6*)

Husband, you have just read marital advice worth a fortune from the wisest man who ever lived, who had 1000 wives. Marital happiness, fulfilling love, and satisfying sex are dependent on you! (*1 Kings 11:3*)

The advice is simple: consider and treat her delicately with tender affection, choose to be always satisfied with her body and lovemaking, and focus on her devotion, love, and loyalty. You can be immensely happy!

Do not let any other woman even encroach on any of these areas. God's Words are certainly valuable for promoting a great marriage, but they were given for warding off the temptations of the strange woman.

By choosing to exalt your own wife to her rightful place, you will be spared the vexing draw of other women, who can only tantalize, frustrate, and destroy you. There is no true peace, pleasure, or prosperity for the adulterer.

Wife, **If** your husband should be satisfied, even ravished, with you in the three ways described for a safe marriage, what are you doing to make it possible? Are you a delicate and gracious creature deserving affection, like a loving hind and pleasant roe?

Do you diet and exercise to maintain the resemblance of a woman's body?

Do you use it boldly for his regular pleasure?

Do you lavish affection, devotion, lovemaking, and praise on him?

Do you do it aggressively, with passion?

Do you over, or underwhelm him?

The Lord's soon return will bring a marriage where the Bridegroom and bride are perfect! There will be no longing for another, for He will be gloriously magnificent to an infinite degree beyond anything we can or will imagine; and He will have made us perfectly beautiful (*Psalm 45:10-15; Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 19:7-8*)! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Proverbs 5:20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

A beautiful woman wanting to be intimate is a great temptation. Her flattering affection and fascinating body are too much for most men. But horrible consequences outweigh the short pleasure!

Good fathers warn their sons plainly about whores, as Solomon did often (*Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-23; 6:20-35; 7:1-27; 9:13-18; 22:14; 23:26-28, 33; Ecclesiastes 7:26*).

No matter how desirable she appears, no matter how flatteringly she speaks, and no matter how certain you will not be caught, fornication with a strange woman is a foolish and horrible crime.

The consequences are more painful than death, more permanent than life, deep as hell, and hardly any are ever recovered and returned to the land of contentment.

A strange woman is any woman you have not married! Since you have not married her, you have no right to touch her or think about her.

Your wife is your companion for life, and any other woman is a stranger. After giving negative (*Proverbs 5:1-14*) and positive (*Proverbs 5:15-19*) reasons against the strange woman, Solomon asked why his son could even consider her.

The cure for the strange woman is a great marriage with your wife (*Proverbs 5:19; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5; Hebrews 13:4*).

By exalting your wife in your mind, by choosing to be satisfied with her breasts, and by choosing to be overwhelmed with her love, there is no room for another woman.

You cannot allow any bitterness to spoil your affection for your wife (*Colossians 3:19*).

The consequences of sex with a strange woman are horrific. The Holy Spirit described them as death and hell (*Proverbs 2:18; 5:5; 7:27; 9:18*).

A life of death and hell! Few ever recover from. Young man, forget the beautiful face and body! Ignore the flattering words! Reject any invitation! (*Proverbs 2:19*)

Do not let her touch or kiss you! Run far away from her! You will crush your wife's heart, which God sees (*Malachi 2:13*).

You will lose your sure companion (*Malachi 2:14*).

You will lose your money (*Proverbs 5:10*).

You will lose your reputation (*Proverbs 5:9*).

You will have a husband or father hating you (*Proverbs 6:34-35*).

No one will understand why you did it (*Proverbs 6:30-33*). God will see it and punish you (*Proverbs 5:21; 15:3; Hebrews 13:4*).

You will create a binding sexual addiction that will destroy you (*Proverbs 5:22-23; 23:27*).

Your conscience will punish you with pain (*Proverbs 5:11-14*).

You will lose a prosperous family of legitimate children (*Proverbs 5:15-18*).

**The Pleasure Is For A Moment
The Pain Is Forever
(*Proverbs 9:17-18*)**

You will give occasion for God's enemies to blaspheme (*2Samuel 12:14*).

Your prayers will not be heard (*Psalms 66:18*), and if you are not truly saved, you will find yourself facing the lake of fire (*Revelation 21:8*).

Proverbs 5:21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

The LORD's eyes are everywhere, beholding all actions (*Proverbs 15:3; Psalm 11:4; 139:1-12*).

Every thought, word, and deed is naked and exposed to the all-seeing eyes of our omniscient God. He sees and considers all our doings. Therefore, we should fear Him and hate sin.

But the warning is more pointed, we should fear God seeing sexual sins. Here a father warns his son of the strange woman and teaches the cure for her.

She is bitter, painful, death, and hell (*Proverbs 5:4-5*); she destroys lives (*Proverbs 5:9-11*).

She brings bondage (*Proverbs 5:22-23*). The cure is to be totally in love with your wife and content with her body and lovemaking (*Proverbs 5:15-19*).

Sexual sins are done in secret. Adulterers rendezvous in private or dark places (*Proverbs 7:9; Job 24:15*). The pornography addict hides materials or media and makes excuses for being alone (*Ezekiel 16:17; 23:14-16*).

The fantasizing person believes thoughts, imaginations, and desires are totally hidden from everyone (*Proverbs 24:9; Psalm 10:11; Ezekiel 8:12*).

The defrauding wife thinks she is secure and safe denying or avoiding sex with her husband (*1Corinthians 7:3-5*).

But the Lord sees and knows all such deeds and thoughts. Nothing is hid from His eyes. Darkness is as noonday to Him. He fills heaven and earth; where will you hide?

The Lord discerns the very thoughts and intents of your heart.

The Lord knows and considers it all. He hates and judges sexual sins (*Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 18:6-25; 20:10-21; Matthew 5:28; Hebrews 13:4*).

The father asks his son, "Why love or touch a strange woman?" (*Proverbs 5:20*).

She brings terrible pain and destruction (*Proverbs 5:4-11*).

She causes bondage and death (*Proverbs 5:22-23*).

But a father wants his son especially to know that God sees every sexual activity and thought, and He considers them all.

God will give blessing to the pure and faithful, and judgment to the filthy and foolish.

People go to great lengths hiding sexual sins from others for guilt, fear, and shame; but the only Judge they should fear clearly sees every deed and the thoughts behind them. Why fear others knowing your sexual sins, when the Holy God sees and judges them!

The LORD sees and knows your sexual secrets, and you had better keep your sexual life pure and holy, for this is the will of God (*1Thessalonians 4:1-8*).

The LORD is watching all your sexual activities, thoughts, and words. He will surely bless the righteous and judge the wicked.

Our Lord Jesus was tempted in all points as we are.

Our Lord Jesus remained faithful to His Father! Single, followed by many devoted women, and more desirable and affectionate than any man, He lived with absolute fidelity to God His Father. Follow His holy example today.

Proverbs 5:22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

Solomon taught sexual addiction 3000 years ago. Psychologists have only recently stumbled on it. Having warned his son about sexual sins and their punishment by God (***Proverbs 5:1-21***). Solomon added the sober warning of being bound by those sins and total destruction (***Proverbs 5:22-23***).

**The Pleasures
Of Sexual Sin Are For A Season
But May Imprison For Life!**

The context is plain and simple, sexual intimacy with anyone but your legitimate spouse is sin (***Proverbs 5:1-21***).

The man of this Proverb, is a fool, that rejected the warnings and proceeded to sin, with another woman. His sexual iniquities will take hold of his body and spirit, and he will be held in the chain-like shackles of his sexual sins. They will create soul bondage.

**Sexual Sins Take Hold
Of A Man's Soul
More Than Any Other!**

Alcohol may lead to drunkenness and a chemical addiction, but fornication can lead to obsession with immoral thoughts and activity.

Men who sin sexually are seldom recovered. Only God's grace can deliver a man from this bondage. (***Proverbs 2:18-19; 5:5-13; 6:26-35; 7:22-27; 9:17-18***)

Sexual sins are also addictive in how they demand more and more stimulus to provide the original thrill.

A voyeur seldom remains a voyeur. Men will not stay content with moderate pornography; they progressively seek more extreme and graphic images in order to feel the same level of sexual and sinful thrill of their first experiences with it.

**Pornography Itself Is A Case Study
In Progressive Degeneration!**

What was called pornography 30-40 years ago is vastly different from pornography today. The difference is remarkable!

The fools who began with female nudity in their teens must explore sodomy, bestiality, and pedophilia in their forties to get the same kick! And instead of improving marital pleasure, as their heart lies, it destroys marital ability and satisfaction.

**Young Man! Older Man!
This Proverb Is As True As Gravity!**

If you play with fantasies, pornography, fornication, or sodomy, you will destroy yourself.

Your own sins will capture and imprison your soul.

You will be unable to free yourself. You will never again love God, your wife, or godly living, without a miracle from heaven!

You should also know, God has not promised you or any other fornicator, a gracious and undeserved deliverance!

Consider Samson. He had good parents, was a Nazarite for life, was fearless of other men, and judged Israel twenty years. Samson lusted after Philistine women for their looks, until he was helpless with Delilah. (***Judges 14:1-3; 16:1***)

In spite of obvious intentions to destroy him, she was his omnipotent master. Why didn't he catch on? Was he retarded? He was a slave to sexual obsession! He ended up blind and a suicide! (***Judges 16:4-21***)

Consider Amnon. He had good parents, was the firstborn son of King David, had the true understanding of God, and could have had any eligible woman in Israel.

But he sexually fantasized about his sister Tamar until he was sick with obsession for her. His addiction to this fantasy led to violently raping her, consequently hating her, and justifiably being killed by her brother Absalom (***2Samuel 13:1-39***). He was a bond slave to fantasies!

Consider Solomon himself! Through the Holy Spirit he wrote Proverbs! He wrote this Proverb! But women destroyed his life! How did it happen? (***1Kings 11:4-13***)

He first married out of the Lord, against God's command (***Deuteronomy 7:1-6; 1Kings 3:1***).

He became polygamous, also against God's command (***Deuteronomy 17:17; 1Kings 11:1-3***).

His love of female variety became his sexual obsession, until he had 1000 women, which destroyed his life (***Ecclesiastes 7:26-29***)!

If you play with fantasies, pornography, fornication, or friendship with a woman not wholly the Lord's, you are a flattering fool!

You are a fool, because you have rejected God's warnings.

You are a flattering fool, because you have lied to yourself that you can get away with it! You will soon hate your pet sin, which will destroy you (*Psalm 36:2*)!

You are a fool to think you can escape your sin and its punishment by repenting later, for you are in perfect bondage to your lusts; and you will neither be able nor willing to set yourself free.

If you do escape sexual diseases, the rage of a jealous husband, or the sentence of the judge, you will be infallibly overtaken by the righteous judgment of God.

There is no greater bondage than a child of God who cannot repent and find joy and peace with his Lord. Hear me, sinner? He cannot repent! Why can't he repent? Because he has become a slave to his lusts, and his own heart is in the death throes of sinful thoughts and actions.

Every time you allow a sinful thought or action in your life, you twist another sinful strand into the cords that will bind you in your sexual sins.

If you are playing with fantasies, pornography, or a sinful relationship, get away now! Flee youthful lusts, Paul said (*2Timothy 2:22*)!

Do not go near any place or thing that tempts you to sin sexually (*Proverbs 4:15; 5:8; Psalm 101:3; Romans 13:11*).

Pluck out your right eye or cut off your right hand rather than play with sexual sin, Jesus would say (*Matthew 5:28-30*).

If you are addicted to a sexual sin, your case is not hopeless; but you will never free yourself by your means or strength.

You must cut off the sin violently, and totally, and now! Repent with these Words (*Job 33:27-28* *He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not; 28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.*)!

Beg for God's power in Jesus' name to deliver you from sin, sex, and Satan. Humble yourself to a spouse, a parent, or a pastor with every condemning detail. Pursue God's worship in public and private with your whole heart.

Nothing is too hard for the Lord! We read that harlots went into the kingdom of God before self-righteous Pharisees (*Matthew 21:31*).

Paul told of many sexual sinners at Corinth, "*And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God*" (*1Corinthians 6:11*).

Proverbs 5:23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

What happens when playing with whores? You will be hopelessly destroyed in shame! Proverbs chapter five warns about whores, girls and women allowing sex outside marriage (*Proverbs 5:1-14*).

Solomon sought to save his son from the damning sins of fornication and adultery. Wisdom's cure is to rejoice in the body and lovemaking of your wife (*Proverbs 5:15-19*).

For the Lord sees and judges sexual sins (*Proverbs 5:20-21*).

Sexual Addiction Destroys Fools (*Proverbs 5:22*)!

Why did Solomon warn so much about whores? They are a great threat to young men, who by youth and hormones are very vulnerable!

Our generation makes it worse by casual sex, loose girls and women, lascivious movies and music, birth control, immodest clothing, pornography, mixed swimming, co-educational schools, carnal churches, no civil threat, abortion, coed gyms, un-chaperoned dating, coed offices, and weak parents.

The man here was instructed (*Proverbs 5:12-14*).

He was taught often and well by parents and pastors to abstain from fornication (*1Thessalonians 4:3-8*).

He chose the life of a hypocrite, by attending church, but allowing his heart and body to accept fornication. At the end, when this horrible sin has damaged his soul and ruined his life.

He will die without benefiting from the instruction he had been given. He rejected it to destroy himself by sex.

Sexual sins give pleasure for a season, but it is a very short season (*Hebrews 11:25*).

Then comes destruction and misery. Just ask Samson! The lust of the flesh craves sex, which is a man's bodily desire (*Proverbs 5:9-11; 1Corinthians 7:1-9*).

The lust of the eyes fantasizes about women, either in person or in pictures.

The pride of life tells a man he is the best and deserves the best, so he justifies sexual liberties.

**The Lust Of The Flesh The Lust Of The Eyes The
Pride Of Life: The Combination Is Lethal!**

The blinded victim cannot see past the curvaceous body, the wanton eyes, the bold face, and the luscious lips to the destruction ahead (*Proverbs 6:25; 7:13*).

He cannot hear above her seductive voice the warnings of his teachers (*Proverbs 5:3; 7:14-18*).

His lusts have conspired together to take a woman for great pleasure. He goes after her as an ox to the slaughter and a bird to the snare (*Proverbs 7:22-23*).

He cannot see he is committing suicide (*Proverbs 2:18-19*).

**What A Man Thinks Is For Pleasure
Becomes His Destruction!**

Sex outside marriage is sin, and God will judge it (*Hebrews 13:4*).

Being the addicting sin that it is, it will lead a man astray from every good path (*Proverbs 5:22-23*).

If you persist in this sin, God will give you a reprobate mind to do inconvenient things and ruin your life in every way!

Listen to your teachers! Repent today! Run not only from whores, but run as well from anything tending toward them (*Matthew 5:27-30; Psalm 101:3; Romans 13:14*)! Maybe God will have mercy!

Can such an addicted prisoner be freed? Yes! By the gift of repentance from the Lord (*2Timothy 2:25-26*)!

But the repentance must be the kind that God recognizes and rewards, the godly kind that clears men from sins (*2Corinthians 7:10-11*).

David repented of his adultery and murder, and God freely forgave him and delivered him gloriously from destruction.

Jesus Christ has provided cleansing for all kinds of sexual sins (*1Corinthians 6:9-11*). And God sent Him to "*proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound*" (*Isaiah 61:1*).

Sexual sinners can be forgiven and freed from the bondage of their sins. Just ask the woman of Samaria!