"WISDOM REGARDING SEXUAL IMMORALITY"

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INTRODUCTION:

Proverbs 5 is a commentary on the seventh commandment: "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Ex. 20:14).

I. The CHARACTERISTICS of the Sexually Immoral Person

A. She _____ the man's ego (5:3)

B. She _____ the man's attention (5:6)

C. She _____ the man's appetites (6:25)

1. She entices with "her _____"

2. She entices with "her _____"

3. She entices with her _____ (7:13-21)

a. "_____" words (v. 14)

b. _____ words (v. 15)

c. _____ words (v. 16-18)

d. _____ words (v. 19-21)

II. The CONSEQUENCES of Sexual Immorality

Hebrews 13:4
The results of sexual immorality:

A. It is a sin that is _____ in the end (v. 4a)

B. It is a sin that is _____ (v. 4b-5)

1. It destroys your life's _____ (v. 9-10)

2. It destroys your life _____ (v. 11)

3. It destroys your life's _____ (v. 11-13)

C. It is a sin that is _____ (5:22)

D. It is a sin that cannot be paid for (restituted - 6:27-35)

III. The CONQUEST over Sexual Immorality

How can I be victorious over this sin?

A. Be filled with God's _____ (5:1-2) (His Wisdom)

B. Be far from the source of temptation (5:8)

C. Be infatuated with your _____ (5:15-19)

D. Realize the foolishness of sexual sin (5:20-21)

*Three reasons why you should not engage in extra-marital sex:

1) It is a sin against _____

2) It is a sin against your _____ _____
(I Thes. 4:3ff)

3) It is a sin against _____ (I Cor. 6:18)

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1. With sweet, sugar-coated words ("honeycomb"), her speech pretends (feigns) love.

2. With smooth, appealing words ("smoother than oil"), her speech "butters you up"

*See 2:16 - She bolsters a man's pride by appealing to him emotionally. She tells him how strong, intelligent, handsome, talented, etc., he is (Note: She flatters him, but hardly knows him. She is called a "strange" woman.).

B. She captivates the man's attention (5:6)

Because she is "moveable" (shifting, vascilating), she can keep you guessing, keep you wondering, keep your eyes off of the righteous path.

She keeps your eyes fixed on her as she sways and swaggers into hell, leading you with her.

C. She entices the man's appetites (6:25)

1. She entices with "her beauty"

2. She entices with "her eyelids"

Her winks and indiscreet glances entice a man.

3. She entices with her words (7:13-21)

a. "Spiritual" words (v. 14)

b. Flattering words (v. 15)

c. Sensual words (v. 16-18)

d. Reassuring words (v. 19-21)

She is unfaithful to her marriage vow. SEE: 2:17

Two reasons she is unfaithful:

a. She has forsaken her husband

"The guide of her youth" - "guide" - lit. the intimate friend (her husband).

b. She has forgotten her marriage vows

Typical vow: "Forsaking all others, I will cleave only

unto thee."

II. The CONSEQUENCES of Sexual Immorality

Hebrews 13:4

The results of sexual immorality:

A. It is a sin that is bitter in the end (v. 4a)

That which looked so sweet leaves a "bitter" taste in your mouth.

B. It is a sin that is destructive (v. 4b-5)

2:18 - "For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead."

How does it destroy?

1. It destroys your life's potential (v. 9-10)

2. It destroys your life physically (v. 11)

EX: gonorrhea, AIDS

3. It destroys your life's joy (v. 11-13)

Note: The regret - "Oh, if only I had listened!"

SEE: Prov. 7:22-27

C. It is a sin that is enslaving (5:22)

"Take" = to capture and hold

"Holden with the cords" = bound by sin. Whenever you choose a sin, you

choose a master (Rom. 6:15-16)

SEE: 2:19

D. It is a sin that cannot be paid for (restituted - 6:27-35)

People can pay for thievery, etc., but adultery cannot be paid for!

III. The CONQUEST over Sexual Immorality

How can I be victorious over this sin?

A. Be filled with God's Word (5:1-2) (His Wisdom)

SEE: 2:10-11

Two major reasons why God's wisdom is essential:

1) It will keep you ladies from the "evil man" (v. 12)
2) It will keep you men from the "strange woman" (v. 16)

B. Be far from the source of temptation (5:8)

1. "Make not provision for the flesh" (Rom. 13:14)

2. "Flee also youthful lusts" (II Tim. 2:22)

EX: Joseph - Gen. 39

3. Guard your thoughts and control your eyes (Job 31:1; Mt. 6:22-23)

C. Be infatuated with your spouse (5:15-19)

*Cp. I Cor. 7:1ff

1. "Drink" from her (v. 15)

2. "Rejoice" in her (v. 18)

3. Be "satisfied" with her (v. 19a)

4. Be "ravished" with her (v. 19b)

D. Realize the foolishness of sexual sin (5:20-21)

1. There is not true love in immoral relationships (v. 20)

2. Nothing escapes the notice of God (v. 21)

*Three reasons why you should not engage in extra-marital sex:

1) It is a sin against God

a) It violates God's command (Ex. 20:14)
b) It violates God's design for marriage (Gen. 1 & 2)
c) It violates God's picture of the relationship between Christ and the Church (Eph. 5:25)

2) It is a sin against your fellow man (I Thes. 4:3ff)

3) It is a sin against yourself (I Cor. 6:18)