

The Beauty & Danger of Sex

In the Book of Proverbs

Proverbs – Part 7 Proverbs 5:15-23 & 7:10-25

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The Good

1. God's original design is reaffirmed! The covenant of marriage is celebrated as a relationship between one man and one woman!
2. It's good to be intoxicated and sexually satisfied with our spouse! (Hebrew: *ravah*, "to slake one's thirst" or "drunk or intoxicated with") Prov 5:16&19
3. Marriage should be a genuine friendship! (Hebrew: *alluwph*, "friends" or "guide") Prov. 2:17

The Bad A case study in temptation: Proverbs 7:10-25

-Temptation is not far away. *"She... never stays at home"; "at every corner she lurks" verses 11 & 12*

-There are people that DO NOT HAVE GOD'S NOR YOUR BEST INTEREST IN MIND! *"took hold of him & kissed him"; "brazen face" verse 13*

-The, "God wants us to be happy" lie. *"I fulfilled my vows... I have food..." verse 14*

-The power of praise. *"I looked for you and have found you"; "persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk" verses 15 & 21*

-The allure of the fantasy. *"I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt.... I have perfumed my bed with...Come, let's drink deeply of love till morning; let's enjoy ourselves with love" verses 16-18*

-Do not ignore the consequences. *"All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose ²³ till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life". Verses 22-25*

Wisdom's Advice

Proverbs 5:7-8 "Now then, my sons, **listen to me do not turn aside** from what I say. ⁸ **Keep to a path far from her**, do not go near the door of her house"

1. Listen (*do*) to God's directions for life. He gave them to us because he loves us! They are for our good and we honor Him when we listen.

2. Don't fool around with temptation!

"....Do not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away." Matthew 5:27-29

"The Bible says you must never commodify sex. You must never abstract sex from the whole person. You must never give somebody your body without giving them your whole self, and you must never receive someone's body unless you receive their whole self. You must not abstract the product from the person. -Tim Keller: The Temptation of Beauty Oct. 24, 2004 pg.4

Resources:

Devotional: "God's Wisdom for Navigating Life", By Tim & Kathy Keller

Book: "Love and Respect" by Dr. Eggerichs

Proverbs VIDEO from The Bible Project

www.bibleproject.com/explore/proverbs/

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