



WISDOM THAT WORKS

A THEMATIC STUDY OF PROVERBS

#5: WISDOM AND SEXUALITY

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I. WHY IS GOD SO CONCERNED WITH MY SEXUALITY?

1. God created me with a profound _____ between my body and my spirit.

And don't you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, "The two are united into one." But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6:16-20 (NLT)

2. Marriage is a _____ for my relationship with Christ—which must remain pure (See Ephesians 5:21-33).

3. The Lord knew that sexual sin would be a _____ challenge.

"You shall not commit adultery.

Exodus 20:14 (NIV)

Because when God expanded on these ten he specified the sins of...

- Incest (Leviticus 18)
- Homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22-39; 20:13, Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- Bestiality (Exodus 22:19-20)
- Fornication (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

THE PROBLEM WITH FOLLOWING THE CROWD

Those who follow the crowd usually get lost in it.
Anonymous

Only dead fish go with the flow.
Anonymous

The one who follows the crowd will usually get no further than the crowd. The one who walks alone is likely to find themselves in places no one has ever been before.
Albert Einstein

II. WHAT ARE THE REASONS I SHOULD AVOID SEXUAL SIN?

1. Sexual sin eventually _____ - because it makes promises it can't keep (Proverbs 5).

- Promises sweetness—but ends in _____ (v.1-6).

- Promises gain—but ends in _____ (v.7-14).

If only evil were always ugly, life would be simpler. If only everything were color-coded to make it obvious, if only there were warning labels on all the poisons. But in this world disaster can be attractive. "Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14).

Ray Ortlund

The god who rules this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers. They cannot see the light, which is the good news about our glorious Christ, who shows what God is like.

1 Corinthians 4:4 (CEV)

- Promises freedom—but ends in _____ (v.20-23).

The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

Samuel Johnson

2. Sexual sin is progressively _____ (Proverbs 6).

Sexual sin progressively destroys...

- The Word of God in my _____ (v.20-24).
- My _____ (v.25-30).

3. Sexual sin is ultimately _____ (Proverbs 7).

III. HOW CAN I AVOID SEXUAL SIN AND REMAIN MORALLY PURE?

1. _____ close to the Lord (1 Corinthians 6:16-20).

...our moral choices are built on the foundation of “who owns us.” In this case, identity and intimacy – not sexuality – are the primary issues...I can be owned by my need to be needed, my need to rescue, my addiction to the “high” of sexual experience, or even my addiction to the “high” of the “conquest,” my need to be “held,” my need to prove my masculinity (or femininity)...change will not be effective if it is strictly behavioral: it must touch “who I am”...

Terry Hershey

2. _____ what goes into my mind (Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 5:27-30; Romans 12:2).

Consequences of viewing pornography (Dennis Hollinger in The Meaning of Sex)

- People become objects rather than made in God's image.
- Healthy sexual inhibitions are broken down.
- Pornography can be addictive.
- Normal "real life" sexual stimulation is deadened.

3. _____ out of morally dangerous situations (2 Timothy 2:22).

4. _____ on keeping my marriage strong (Proverbs 6:15-19).