

A Man & His Sexual Purity

Key Verse: *“For by means of a harlot a man is reduced to a crust of bread; and an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.” Proverbs 6:26*

❖ The Lure

➤ Her Words are Deafening

“For the lips of an immoral woman are as sweet as honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil. But in the end she is as bitter as poison, as dangerous as a double-edged sword.” Proverbs 5:3-4

- The harlot’s character is evil, full of flattery (she knows what to say)
- She is after a man’s soul
- Nobody escapes the consequences

➤ Her Walk is Dangerous

“Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.” Proverbs 5:5

“Surely her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead. None who go to her return or attain the paths of life.” Proverbs 2:18-19

- No one that goes to her returns, nor do they regain the paths of life
- To walk with her is to embark on the same path
- The price of infidelity is high!
- There is no such thing as a safe encounter

➤ Her Ways are Deceptive

“She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths wander aimlessly, but she does not know it.” Proverbs 5:6

- On no account does she allow the man she is enticing to think of the consequences of what he is about to do
- Her swiftly changing moods and appeals are bewitching/enchanting
- Her loss of purity and fidelity is only satisfied with your loss... many fall to her

❖ The Loss

➤ The Price

“Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house lest you lose your honor to others and your dignity to one who is cruel” Proverbs 5:9

- Honor. Many a man has had his reputation ruined by being caught in sexual sin. You might come back, but you will never come back as you were.

➤ The Pain

“At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. You will say, “How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! I would not obey my teachers or turn my ear to my instructors. And I was soon in serious trouble...” Proverbs 5:11-14

- Ask yourself these questions:
 - Are you ready for the fact that your spouse won’t be able to invest her trust in you again for a very long time?
 - Are you ready to sit down and explain to your children what you did and watch the shock, hurt, disbelief, anger, and hopelessness in their eye and faces?
 - Are you ready to surrender the respect to your colleagues, friends, family members?
 - Can you handle the shame that will be brought to your family and loved ones if you fail morally?
- “If only..” is the attitude that follows
- He looks back and wishes he had listened... to his parents.. to his youth pastor... to his pastor... to his Sunday School teacher... to his granddad... to his uncle... to his sister... to his brother... to his God!
- Such a loss it is to bring disgrace and dishonor on the people of God and the circle of one’s fellowship

❖ The Answer

➤ **Call It What It Is: Sin**

- *“But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” **Matthew 5:28***
- *“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” **1 Corinthians 6:9-10***
- *“The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.” **Galatians 5:19-21***

➤ **Fight Back Against Your Nature**

- *“You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.” **Galatians 5:7***
- *“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God” **1 Thessalonians 4:3-5***
- *“If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.” **Matthew 5:29-30***
- *“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.” **1 Corinthians 6:18***
- *“Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.” **Colossians 3:5***

➤ **Submission to the Lordship of Jesus Is the ONLY WAY (for this sin and all others as well)**

- *“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” **2 Chronicles 7:14***
- *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” **Galatians 5:1***
- *“You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope.” **Galatians 5:4-5***
- *“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” **Galatians 5:13-14***
- *“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.” **Galatians 5:16-18***
- *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” **Galatians 5:22-25***
- *“For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.” **Proverbs 2:10-11***
- *“Wisdom will save you also from the adulterous woman, from the wayward woman with her seductive words, who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God.” **Proverbs 2:16-17***