

Proverbs 5:1-14 — “The Dangers of Sexual Sin ”*Introduction*

God speaks with abundant clarity in the Word about one of the most common issues in our world: sex.

Deut 32:29 — discern your latter end:

- Live with LONG-TERM in view
- Live with DEATH DAY in view
- Live with JUDGMENT DAY in view
- Live with ETERNITY in view

“Wisdom reflects the intent and discipline to make godly choices in a world filled with sinful distractions and detours” (Richard Mayhue).

Review & Background to Proverbs

- Prov 1 - the beginning of wisdom;
- Prov 2 - the blessings of wisdom;
- Prov 3 - the benefits of wisdom;
- Prov 4 - the heart of wisdom;
- Prov 5 - the protection of wisdom (regarding sex).

Proverbs 5 outlines:

- I. The Proactive **Fleeing** From Sexual Immorality (1-14) RUN **FROM** all sexual immorality **Dangers** of sexual sin (1-14)
 II. The God-blessed **Indulging** of Marital Lovemaking (15-23) RUN **TO** all marital lovemaking **Delights** of marital sex (15-23)

Proverbs 5 Structure [note the middle two sections]:

- vv.1-6 - **introduction** - Get God’s wisdom!
- ➡vv.7-14 - *stay away!* (*keep hands OFF every other woman!*)
- ➡vv.15-19 - *indulge fully!* (*keep hands ON your own wife!*)
- vv.20-23 - **conclusion** - Don’t forget God’s eye!

THESIS — Prov 5 gives us the dangers of immorality & the delights of marital sex. From this text we’ll see 4 high priority exhortations **so that you see the danger of sin & flee from it!**

1. Be attentive to the Written Word (1-2)
2. Be alert for the sexual temptations (3-6)

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3. Be avoiding even the appearance of evil (7-8)
4. Be aware of the consequences of sexual immorality (9-14)

I. BE ATTENTIVE TO THE WRITTEN WORD! (1-2)

"Either sin will keep you from the Word, or the Word will keep you from sin." (John Bunyan)

II. BE ALERT FOR THE SEXUAL TEMPTATIONS! (3-6)

1. Her **seductiveness** —

2. Her **destructiveness** —

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts (Rom 13.14).

III. BE AVOIDING EVEN THE APPEARANCE OF EVIL! (7-8)

Here are 4 checkpoints to ensure purity in life:

1. **Resolve!** (*keep* your way far)
2. **Personal!** (keep *YOUR* way)
3. **Flee!** (keep it *far* from her)
4. **Distance!** (don't even go *near the door of her house*)

IV. BE AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY! (9-14)

You can't play with sexual sin & keep it under control.

Can a man walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched? So is the one who goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her will not go unpunished (Prov 6:28-29).

1. **Loss of splendor / Physical goods (9)**
2. **Loss of internal strength (10)**
3. **An emotional exhaustion (11)**
4. **A terrorizing conscience (12-13)**
5. **And public shamefulness (14) -**

A few simple summarizing points from Scripture:

- Your Sexuality is a gift from God.
- God designed sex & sexual pleasure.
- Marriage is the context for hot & frequent intimacy.
- Sexual Immorality Keeps People out of heaven.
- Christ's grace can wash all your sin clean!

6 KEY STRATEGIES FOR THE *WAR* FOR SEXUAL PURITY.

- 1.FIGHT for purity (*FIGHT!*) — *actively engage/alert!*
- 2.FLEE from temptation (*RUN!*) — *flee, run, avoid all impulses to sin*
- 3.FOCUS on Christ (*PURSUE!*) - *run to Jesus*
- 4.FEAR God's Displeasure (*FEAR!*) - *God chose you!*
- 5.FIXATE on Heaven (*FOCUS*) — *full enjoyments!*
- 6.FILL your mind w/ Truth (*MEDITATE*) - *focus on the heart*

Never forget: “... such *were* some of you” (1 Cor 6:11)

“No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it” (1 Cor 10:13)

Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace! (Romans 6:12-14)

I RUN TO CHRIST!

I run to Christ when chased by fear

And find a refuge sure.

“Believe in me,” His voice I hear;

His words and wounds secure.

I run to Christ when torn by grief

And find abundant peace.

“I too had tears,” He gently speaks;

Thus joy and sorrow meet.

I run to Christ when worn by life

And find my soul refreshed.

“Come unto Me,” He calls through strife;

Fatigue gives way to rest.

I run to Christ when vexed by hell

And find a mighty arm.

“The Devil flees,” the Scriptures tell;

He roars, but cannot harm.

I run to Christ when stalked by sin

And find a sure escape.

“Deliver me,” I cry to Him;

Temptation yields to grace.

I run to Christ when plagued by shame

And find my one defense.

“I bore God’s wrath,” He pleads my case—

My Advocate and Friend.