

Message #18

Proverbs 5:7-14

The writer of Proverbs was no athlete or actor; he was a real man who lived in an immoral world and he fell. One thing that wrecked Solomon was immorality and one message he wanted to communicate to his children was:

**STAY FAR AWAY FROM SEXUAL IMMORALITY BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T, IT WILL DESTROY YOU.**

There is no quicker way to commit mental, emotional, physical and spiritual suicide than by falling into sexual immorality and that is precisely what Solomon wanted his children to know.

**EXHORTATION #1** – Stay close to the Word of God. **5:7**

There is no doubt, as we have already suggested that “the” major factor in keeping far away from immorality, is keeping very close to the Word of God.

Time and again Solomon challenges his children to hear, to receive, to listen to and to learn the Word of God. The verb “do not depart” stresses never turning away from this objective.

Regular doses of the Word of God will actually keep you from sexual immorality.

This is precisely why people involved in immorality stop focusing their attention on the Word of God.

**EXHORTATION #2** – Stay far away from immoral people and places. **5:8-14**

Solomon believed that one of the best ways to avoid immorality is to stay far away from places and people who are immoral.

Solomon believed that the best preventative against destroying yourself in immorality was to stay “far away” from people and places who will lead you into this type of destruction.

There are five devastating results for one who does not stay far away from immorality:

**(Devastating Result #1)** - Your years will be wasted. **5:9**

The Hebrew word “lest” (v. **6, 9, 10**) implies dreaded consequences.

What Solomon is saying here is if a child of God involves him or herself in immorality, he is a person who takes what is beautiful and invests it with something or someone that will be harsh or cruel to him.

**(Devastating Result #2) - Your wealth will be wasted. 5:10**

The word “strength” or “wealth” refers to things which are monetary. The word “stranger” or “alien” refers to one who does not have a right to belong on the property.

Solomon is warning his children that if you give in to immorality, you will end up supporting aliens and strangers.

**(Devastating Result #3) - Your emotions will be wasted. 5:11**

**Verse 11** describes a person who is at a real emotional low. We get a glimpse here of a person who is in total depression.

The word “groan” or “mourn” refers to a deep emotional groaning or growling.

**(Devastating Result #4) - Your training will be wasted. 5:12-13**

The individual who pursues immorality ends up thinking back on the things of God that he or she once heard and learned and recognized that this teaching was only a memory.

Robert Alden called this section of the “litany of” if only! Instead of looking back on a life and saying, “I really developed for the glory of God,” one ends up saying, “I totally wasted all of the knowledge I had about God, if only I would have listened.”

**(Devastating Result #5) - Your environment will be wasted. 5:14**

The point of the verse is that immorality was not in harmony with the people of God

Stay far away from sexual immorality. It will wreck you. It will ruin your life, your family, and your future. Stay close to the Word of God. Pick a spouse who loves God and His Word and you will have a rich and successful life in God’s sight.