

Message #22**Proverbs 6:20-35**

Solomon knew that sexual immorality is a very quick way to reduce a man to nothing.

STAY VERY CLOSE TO THE WORD OF GOD FOR IT WILL KEEP YOU FROM SEXUAL IMMORALITY AND ALL OF ITS DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES.

It seems here that the specific type of immorality Solomon was warning against was immorality with a married woman (**6:29, 34**). Solomon **never** wanted his son involved with another man's wife.

PART #1 – Stay very close to instruction from the Word of God. **6:20-24**

In **verse 20**, Solomon gives his son a positive and negative concerning God's Word—on the positive side, the son is challenged to preserve and defend ("keep" or "observe") the teachings from his father. On the negative side, the son is challenged not to let go of or desert ("forsake") the instruction from his mother. This father and mother clearly stressed the Word of God in their home in this context pertaining to the subject of sexual immorality.

Reason #1 - Stay close to the Word and your life will have divine direction. **6:22a**

Reason #2 - Stay close to the Word and your life will have divine protection. **6:22b**

Reason #3 - Stay close to the Word and your life will have divine progression. **6:22c**

Verse 23 explains how God's Word can cause such a progressive development because God's Word clearly shines forth the proper way to live life.

Reason #4 - Stay close to the Word and your life will not have evil immorality. **6:24-25**

1) An evil woman entices with her speech. **2:24b**

2) An evil woman entices with her beauty. **2:25a**

3) An evil woman entices with her eyes. **2:25b**

PART #2 – The results of being immoral with a married woman. **6:26-35**

Result #1 - One who is immoral will have complete poverty. **6:26**

Result #2 - One who is immoral will permanent scars. **6:27-29**

Result #3 - One who is immoral will not be able to make restitution. **6:30-35**

Three things happen to a man who tampers with another man's wife: 1) Severe punishment (**6:33a**); 2) Poor reputation (**6:33b**); 3) Permanent stain (**6:33c**).