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Wisdom Calling: Forsake Lust, Avoid Adultery


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Matt 19:5-6: “For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”



Outline:

I. The Adulteress Described

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I. The Adulteress Described

Proverbs 2:16-17: “To deliver you from the strange woman, from the adulteress who flatters with her words; that leaves the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God” (Prov. 26:28 “… a flattering mouth works ruin.)”

Prov. 5:3-4: “For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and smoother than oil is her speech; but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.”

Prov. 5:6 “She does not ponder the path of life; her ways are unstable, she does not know it.”



II. The Temptation Described

7:6-8 “For at the window of my house I looked out through my lattice, and I saw among the naive, I discerned among the youths, a young man lacking sense, passing through the street near her corner; and he takes the way to her house”

7:9 “In the twilight, in the evening, in the middle of the night and in the darkness.”



II. The Temptation Described

7:10-12 “And behold, a woman comes to meet him, dressed as a harlot and cunning of heart. She is boisterous and rebellious; her feet do not remain at home; she is now in the streets, now in the squares, and lurks by every corner.”

7:13a “So she seizes him and kisses him”

7:13b,14 “…And with a brazen face she says to him: ‘I was due to offer peace offerings; today I have paid my vows.’”



II. The Temptation Described

7:15 “Therefore I have come out to meet you, to seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you.”

7:16,17 “I have spread my couch with coverings, with colored linens of Egypt. I have sprinkled my bed With myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.”

7:18 “Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning; let us delight ourselves with caresses.”



II. The Temptation Described

7:19,20 “For the man is not at home, He has gone on a long journey; he has taken a bag of money with him, at full moon he will come home.”

7:21,22 “With her many persuasions she entices him; with her flattering lips she seduces him. Suddenly he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as one in fetters to the discipline of a fool,”



III. The Consequences of Adultery

7:23 “Until an arrow pierces through his liver; as a bird hastens to the snare, so he does not know that it will cost him his life.”

1Cor. 6:18-20 “Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”



III. The Consequences of Adultery

7:26,27 “For many are the victims she has cast down, and numerous are all her slain. Her house is the way to Sheol, descending to the chambers of death.”

2:18,19 “For her house sinks down to death, and her tracks lead to the dead; none who go to her return again, nor do they reach the paths of life.”



III. The Consequences of Adultery

5:9 “you will give your vigor to others And your years to the cruel one”

5:10 “And strangers will be filled with your strength And your hard-earned goods will go to the house of an alien”

5:11 “And you groan at your final end, When your flesh and your body are consumed;”

5:12,13 “And you say, "How I have hated instruction! And my heart spurned reproof! I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined my ear to my instructors!”

5:14 “I was almost in utter ruin In the midst of the assembly and congregation.”



III. The Consequences of Adultery

6:26 “For on account of a harlot one is reduced to a loaf of bread, and an adulteress hunts for the precious life.”

6:27-29 “Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Or 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.”

6:30,31 “Men do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry; but when he is found, he must repay sevenfold; he must give all the substance of his house.”



III. The Consequences of Adultery

6:32 “The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; he who would destroy himself does it.”

6:33-35 “Wounds and disgrace he will find, and his reproach will not be blotted out. For jealousy enrages a man, and he will not spare in the day of vengeance. He will not accept any ransom, nor will he be content though you give many gifts.”



IV. Avoiding Adultery

5:7,8 “Now then, my sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house”

*Why would a man approach the door to her house? To get a better look at her?

Jesus said in Matt 5:27,28 “You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'; but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.”



IV. Avoiding Adultery

7 Tips for getting rid of a porn addiction from Tyler Patterson founder of Ever Accountable:

1) Forgive yourself. Porn is awful, but you are not.

2) Go cold turkey, meaning you have a zero-tolerance policy for porn. What is porn? There are various definitions, but if it is sexually alluring to you, it is porn to you.

3) Get rid of your stash, all of it!



IV. Avoiding Adultery

4) Learn how porn affects you and those you love:

a) it affects your brain chemistry

b) it affects your will power

c) makes it harder to focus on things that are important

d) makes you less satisfied with good wholesome relationships that you desperately want to have.

e) makes you crave things that are deviant or illegal

f) can destroy marriages

g) can lead to abuse



IV. Avoiding Adultery

5) Get an accountability partner, such as the Ever Accountable app.

6) Never stop doing all in your power to stay away from pornography, don't give up and you will succeed.

7) Lean into your higher power.
For us that is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ, who is not a "higher power" but the highest power.

Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe."



IV. Avoiding Adultery

Starting in Prov 6:24 the father gives a series of warnings to avoid adultery, extending through chapter 7

6:24 “To keep you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adulteress.”

6:25 “Do not desire her beauty in your heart, nor let her catch you with her eyelids.”



IV. Avoiding Adultery

7:4,5 “Say to wisdom, ‘You are my sister,’ and call understanding your intimate friend; that they may keep you from an adulteress, from the foreigner who flatters with her words.”

7:24,25 “Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, and pay attention to the words of my mouth. Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not stray into her paths.”



Wisdom is not just a list of negative commands. Whenever God tells us not to do something, He wisely gives us wholesome healthy alternatives to fill the void. His plan for sexual intimacy is the marriage bond where sexuality is expressed in it’s highest and most fulfilling way.

Proverbs 5:15-19 gives beautiful metaphors of the wholesome delights of marital intimacy:



IV. Avoiding Adultery

5:15 “Drink water from your own cistern and fresh water from your own well.”

5:16 “Should your springs be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the streets?”

5:17 “Let them be yours alone and not for strangers with you.”

5:18,19 “Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth. As a loving hind and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; be exhilarated always with her love.”

5:20 “For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress and embrace the bosom of a foreigner?”



Life Applications:

- Avoid adultery by being alert to temptation. Don’t focus on the temptation, focus on the horrible consequences of falling into temptation.

- 1 Corinthians 10:13 “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, that you may be able to endure it.”

- Rom. 13:14 “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.”



For those who are single and wanting to get married, wait and pray for God's best!

And while waiting, study this excellent booklet by Rick DeVaul:

Principles and Practicals for Finding Your Life Partner



Or

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"LORD OF THE RINGS"?



- For those who are married, thank God for your spouse! Proverbs 18:22: “He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.”

- Continue to cultivate marital oneness in spirit, soul and body. Matt 19:5,6 “…the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh.”

- Delight in the gift of marital intimacy.



