

## Life Group Guide #7

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Why would the following be true?

If your boundary line is, *"I will not commit adultery"* then it needs to be drastically moved to, with God's grace, *"I will guard my thoughts, my eyes, and my words."*

Write out the prayer of **Psalm 19:14**

**Proverbs 5:18-22** *Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth. <sup>19</sup>As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love. For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, And be embraced in the arms of a seductress? <sup>21</sup>For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He ponders all his paths. <sup>22</sup>His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, And he is caught in the cords of his sin.*

Reasons to stay away from sexual sins:

1. God has given you a wife to enjoy (Proverbs 5:18-19).

*God's design for marriage is that the husband and wife be best friends, soul mates and passionate lovers. (1 Corinthians 7, Hebrews 13:4-6, Song of Solomon)*

**1 Corinthians 7:1-7** *Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. <sup>2</sup> Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. <sup>3</sup> Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. <sup>4</sup> The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. <sup>5</sup> Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. <sup>6</sup> But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment. <sup>7</sup> For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that*

Discuss the passage...

**Hebrews 13:4-6** Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. <sup>5</sup> Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

\*Man can do a lot of harm to us! BUT...

2. God is 100 % aware of all of your ways (Proverbs 5:21).

3. Sin always comes with serious consequences (Proverbs 5:22).

**Proverbs 6:23-29** For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life, <sup>24</sup>To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress. <sup>25</sup>Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids. <sup>26</sup>For by means of a harlot A man is reduced to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life. <sup>27</sup>Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned? <sup>28</sup>Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared? <sup>29</sup>So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

1. Unguarded words v24
2. Unguarded thoughts v25
3. Unguarded involvement v26-29
  - A. Too much time alone
  - B. Too much self-trust
  - C. Too much sharing

Sin will attract you and then attack you. Sin baits us then mocks us.

Sin always costs us more than we planned on paying.

Sin always takes us further than we planned on going.

The way to gain long-term obedience over sexual temptation is not by seeing the ugliness of sin but by seeing the beauty of Christ.

**The more we enjoy Christ, the less we desire sin**