



## Breaking Down “The Talk”

Proverbs 5:1–23 (ESV)

*My son, be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding, <sup>2</sup> that you may keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge. <sup>3</sup> For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, <sup>4</sup> but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. <sup>5</sup> Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol; <sup>6</sup> she does not ponder the path of life; her ways wander, and she does not know it. <sup>7</sup> And now, O sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. <sup>8</sup> Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, <sup>9</sup> lest you give your honor to others and your years to the merciless, <sup>10</sup> lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner, <sup>11</sup> and at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed, <sup>12</sup> and you say, “How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! <sup>13</sup> I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors. <sup>14</sup> I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation.” <sup>15</sup> Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. <sup>16</sup> Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? <sup>17</sup> Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. <sup>18</sup> Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, <sup>19</sup> a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. <sup>20</sup> Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress? <sup>21</sup> For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord, and he ponders all his paths. <sup>22</sup> The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. <sup>23</sup> He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.*

**1. Wisdom listens to the right voice.** (Proverbs 5:1; James 1:19)

**2. Wisdom sees the hook in the lure of lust!** (Proverbs 5:3-5)

- The temptation to live outside of God’s boundaries for sex always looks better than it really is.
- Lust appeals to our sexuality, yet it does not satisfy us.
- Sexual temptation offers an illusion of satisfaction but delivers a life of slavery.
- Sexual sins affect us physically, spiritually, financially, and emotionally.

**3. Wisdom moves the line.** (Proverbs 5:7-8; Matthew 5:27-28)

**4. Wisdom knows God isn’t limiting pleasure but increasing it.**

- For every God-given desire we have a God-given solution.
- Looking outside will always limit the passion inside our marriage.
- Purity in the present positions us for greatest satisfaction in the future.

**5. Wisdom doesn’t play the shame game.**

- Sex is Satan’s easiest door to shame us.

Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)

*Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*

- God doesn’t often remove the giants in our lives; he strengthens us to slay them.