

## Sexual Purity (#7)

Proverbs 5:1-23  
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## Beware the Seductress

1. Her appeal
2. Her true character
3. Her destiny

## Her Destiny

"<sup>19</sup>The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know over what they stumble." (Prov. 4:19)

## The Price of Sexual Sin

1. Warning to stay away
2. The personal cost
  - Loss of strength
  - Loss of possessions
  - Loss of happiness
  - Regret
  - Guilt and shame

## The Delights of Marital Love

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## God's Plan

"<sup>12</sup>A garden locked is my sister, *my* bride, A rock garden locked, a **spring** sealed up. . . . <sup>15</sup>*You are* a garden **spring**, A **well** of fresh water, And **streams** *flowing* from Lebanon." (Song of Sol. 4:12, 15)

## The Delights of Marital Love

1. God's plan
2. Sex is for marriage
3. Rejoice in your wife (or husband)
4. What about single people?

## Final Warning

1. A good question

## A Good Question

<sup>19</sup>As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be **exhilarated** always with her love.

<sup>20</sup>For why should you, my son, be **exhilarated** with an adulteress And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?" (Prov. 5:19-20)

## A Good Question

"There is a profound difference between ecstasy and stupor, and this is the difference between the joys of marital love and the pleasures of adultery. One sharpens judgment and the other dulls it. One supports and nurtures the covenantal relationship, the other destroys that relationship and the one who wanders away from it." [Koptak]

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## Sin Enslaves You

"Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin." (Jn. 8:34)

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"Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone *as slaves* for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?" (Rom. 6:16)

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  - Moral compromise will destroy you

## What "captures" you?

"If the young man is not *captivated* by his wife but becomes *captivated* with a stranger in sinful acts, then his own iniquities will *capture* him, and he will be led to ruin." [Allen Ross in Koptak]

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## What is marriage about?

"The transition from an institutional to a companionship view of marriage in the twentieth century has placed increasingly high expectations on marriage, including strong romantic feelings and great sex. . . . For this reason, seeking fulfillment outside a relationship that has gone flat seems justifiable to a person who feels deprived." [Koptak]

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