

The Consequences of Sexual Sin (#10)

Proverbs 6:20-35
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The Value of Godly Instruction

Three pictures of instruction. . .

- A pendant around the neck
- A faithful guide and guard
- A lamp that lights the path

Protection from the adulteress

- Her identity
"For the lips of an adulteress drip honey
And smoother than oil is her speech;"
(Prov. 5:3)

Protection from the adulteress

- Her identity
- God's protection

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"A man who loves wisdom makes his
father glad, But he who keeps company
with harlots wastes *his* wealth."
(Prov. 29:3)

"And strangers will be filled with your
strength And your hard-earned goods *will*
go to the house of an alien" (Prov. 5:10)

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2. It is like playing with fire

Playing with Fire

NIV: "Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?"

ESV: "Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned?"

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1. It is like going to a prostitute
2. It is like playing with fire
3. It is like stealing

Responding to Sexual Sin

1. The impact of sexual sin
2. Finding forgiveness

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- confession
- cleansing
- consecration

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3. Finding healing

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“Perhaps, then, the temptations of adultery are the test case of these matters of commitment and contentment . . . adultery destroys not only the one who practices it but the partners who are wronged. Saying no to its seductions demonstrates the virtues of diligence and righteousness:

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diligence, because the person who says no is careful to consider costs and maintain commitments; **righteousness**, because the decision to say no not only respects one’s neighbor, it displays a commitment that does not need to look over the fence to see what the neighbor has.” [Koptak]

Summary

1. No other sin touches our souls as deeply as sexual sin.
2. Sexual sin is incompatible with our position as members of the Body of Christ.
3. Those who have been hurt by this sin can find healing and forgiveness in Christ.

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