

Escaping the Snare of Sexual Sin (#11)

Proverbs 7:1-27
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Protected by Wisdom

- Keep wisdom close
- Treat wisdom as a close friend

The Fall of a Naïve Youth

1. A Foolish Stroll

What about us?

Lesson #1: The best way to avoid sexual sin is to avoid being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The Fall of a Naïve Youth

1. A Foolish Stroll
2. The Temptress

An unequal contest

The victim: "Young, inexperienced, featherbrained, he is the very sort to need arming with borrowed wisdom. . . if he is aimless, his temptress is not."

The huntress: "Outwardly, she keeps nothing back; she is dressed, as we say, to kill; inwardly, she gives nothing away. . . It will be an unequal contest." [Kidner]

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2. The Temptress
3. Seduction

Seduction

“She is able to appeal to all his senses and make it sound as if her home is a place of paradise. What the young man does not know is that these words are the bait of a trap. The contrast between her many words and his silence is telling.”
[Koptak]

What about us?

Lesson #2: Sexual sin promises intimacy without commitment and sin without consequences.

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1. A Foolish Stroll
2. The Temptress
3. Seduction
4. The Young Man’s Fall

A Word of Warning

- Call to listen
- Avoid her ways
- Consider the consequences

What about us?

Lesson #3: The key to avoiding sexual sin is to keep your **heart** on the right path

What is seduction?

“A more general definition of seduction includes anything that promised fulfillment without mention of commitments or costs. Seduction speaks of gains and pleasures without responsibility and work. . . . Like snake oil, it promises to cure every ill and enhance our lives with no side effects.”
[Koptak]

Lessons from Proverbs 7

- **Lesson #1:** The best way to avoid sexual sin is to avoid being in the wrong place at the wrong time.
- **Lesson #2:** Sexual sin promises intimacy without commitment and sin without consequences.
- **Lesson #3:** The key to avoiding sexual sin is to keep your **heart** on the right path

The Consequences of Sexual Sin (#10)

Proverbs 6:20-35
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