The Book of Proverbs

Chapter 5  Sexual Purity

Bitter Honey and Sweet Water  5:1—23

Let your fountain be blessed.
and rejoice in the wife of your youth.
a lovely deer, a graceful doe.
Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;
be intoxicated always in her love.
PROVERBS 5:18, 19

The Path of Folly and Death Proverbs 5—7

Conservative people love form and restraint and control, especially in sex.
Progressive people love freedom and openness and chokes, especially in sex.

God gave us our sexuality both to focus our romantic joy and to unleash our romantic joy as we procreate and replenish the Earth.

We thrive within both form and freedom.
Jesus Raised the bar...

*Mat_5:27*  "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; 28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

*Mar_10:11*  And He *said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; 12 and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

*Mat_5:32; Luk 16:18*

_Bible itself raises topics we might otherwise avoid_

*Proverbs 5* divides into three parts.

• In the introduction (vv. 1—6), God, our Father, lovingly says, "It’s time we had a talk."

  The introduction opens up that conversation with us.

• In the body of the chapter (vv. 7—19), God says, "Here is what I want you to know." He is very down-to-earth.

  The body of the chapter contrasts the two ways we can deploy our sexuality — either in folly and destruction or in wisdom and satisfaction.

• In the conclusion (vv. 20—23), God says, "Now you have a decision to make."

  The conclusion calls us to surrender ourselves entirely to God and to his wisdom.

The Path of Folly and Death Proverbs 5—7

These three chapters of Proverbs give us three reasons why we should worry if we break God’s laws of purity.

Because sexual sin is

eventually disappointing (Prov. 5),

gradually destructive (ch. 6), and

ultimately deadly (ch. 7).

That’s why God says, “You shall not commit adultery” and that fornicators will have no part in His coming kingdom.

Proverbs 5

Sex is like fire.

In the fireplace it keeps us warm.

Outside the fireplace it burns the house down.

_Proverbs 5 is saying,

Keep the fire in the marital fireplace, and stoke that fire as hot as you can."
Proverbs 5:1-6  It's Time We Had a Talk

God invented sex and has every right to tell us how to use it properly.

_Thou shalt not commit adultery._ Exodus 20:14

This includes the sexual sins prohibited elsewhere in Scripture

(Lev 18; Rom 1:18-32; 1 Cor 6:9-20; Eph 5:1-14).

Our Lord spoke of “fornications” (plural) in Matthew 15:19.

The Council at Jerusalem mentioned “fornication,” and included the sexual sins condemned by the Law of Moses (Acts 15:20; Lev 18).

We typically think of

- adultery as improper sexual activity (thought or in deed) in violation of a marriage covenant and
- fornication as improper sexual activity whether married or not.

The words “adultery” and “fornication” are _inclusive_ of the various forms of sexual sins.

Sexual Sin Is Eventually Disappointing (Prv 5)

When married people honor and respect sex as God instructs them in His Word, they can experience increasing enjoyment and enrichment in their intimacy.

But when people break the rules, they experience disappointment and disillusionment and have to search for larger “doses” of sexual adventure in order to attain the imaginary pleasure level they’re seeking.

God created sex not only for reproduction, but also for enjoyment, and He didn’t put the “marriage wall” around sex to rob us of pleasure but to increase pleasure and protect it.

The Path of Folly and Death Proverbs 5:1-6

Solomon explains the disappointments that come when people violate God’s loving laws of sexual purity.

Their experience goes from sweetness to bitterness (v. 1-6).

We’ve met “the strange woman” before (2:16; NIV, “adulteress”)


“strange” basically means “not related to.”

The “strange woman” is one to whom the man is not related by marriage, and therefore any sexual liaison with her is evil.

The beginning of this sinful alliance may be exciting and sweet, because the kisses and words from her lips drip like honey (7:13—20), but in the end, the “sweetness” turns to bitterness, and the honey becomes poison (5:4).
Proverbs 5:1-4  It’s Time We Had a Talk

1] My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:
2] That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.
3] For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:
4] But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

God is saying that a pure life should be led for the sake of the home later on.
A lot of the problems in our homes today don’t begin there:
   they began way back in the premarital sex life of the individual.

Prov 5:1-2  Warning against Sexual Immorality

Pro 5:1-2 ISV* (1) ¶ My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight, (2) so you may carefully practice discretion and your lips reserve knowledge.
Pro 5:1-2 NASB (1) My son, give attention to my wisdom, Incline your ear to my understanding; (2) That you may observe discretion And your lips may reserve knowledge.
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Pro 5:1 NIV (1) My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight, 2) that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.

Pro 5:3-4   Warning against Sexual Immorality

Pro 5:3-4 ISV* (3) ¶ For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech [Lit. palate] is smoother than oil.  (4) ¶ But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, [Wormwood is a plant with an extremely bitter taste.] and as sharp as a double-edged sword.
Pro 5:3-4 KJV+ (3) ForH3588 the lipsH8193 of a strange womanH2114 dropH5197 as an honeycomb,H5317 and herH2441 mouthH2509 is smootherH2500 than oil:H4480 H8081  (4) But herH319 endH319 is bitterH4751 as wormwood,H3939 sharpH2299 as a twoedgedH6310 sword.H2719
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[Strange woman]  Two words are used of “strange” and “stranger”:
zuwr (OT:2114) (used here) an apostate Israelite woman gone over to the idolatrous impurities of heathen religion; and
nokriy (OT:5237) foreign woman; not of Abraham's line but of similar character (Gen 17:12).
This wise father is saying to his son, “You're going to be tempted. You're walking into a world of sexual foolishness. It will be offered to you as honey, and you will be attracted. But this honey will poison you.

Prov 5:5  Warning against Sexual Immorality

Pro 5:5 NASB  (5) Her feet go down to death; Her steps lead to Sheol.

Note the word “honey” in v 3 and the word “bitter” in v 4.
Honey is sweet. Whatever leaves a bitter aftertaste in your mouth cannot be honey.

Don’t be fooled. Don’t judge by the appearances of the moment. The lasting impact tomorrow and thereafter reveals the truth about the present moment.

Her words may ooz ‘honey’ - seductive charm— whether via face-to-face, on the Internet, in a text message:
Her sweet talk and her flattery, telling you how awesome you are and how she’s been looking for a man just like you, that “honey” will turn “bitter.”

The Path of Folly and Death Proverbs 5:5-6

The book of Proverbs emphasizes the importance of looking ahead to see where your actions will lead you (see 5:11; 14:12—14; 16:25; 19:20; 20:21; 23:17—18, 32; 24:14, 20; 25:8).

The wise person checks on the destination before buying a ticket (4:26), but modern society thinks that people can violate God’s laws and escape the consequences, certain that whatever has happened to others will never happen to them.

Sad to say, their ignorance and insolence can never neutralize the tragic aftermath that comes when people break the laws of God.

“O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!” (Deut. 32:29).
Proverbs 5:6  Warning against Sexual Immorality

Pro 5:6 ISV*  (6) ¶ You aren’t thinking about [Or She does not consider] where her life is headed; her steps wander, but you do not realize [Or she does not realize] it.

Pro 5:6 KJV+  (6) Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.

Pro 5:6 NASB  (6) She does not ponder the path of life; Her ways are unstable, she does not know it.

Pro 5:6 NIV  (6) She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not.

If you are a woman these verses may seem unfair. Men can be just as bad as women. ”

The book of Proverbs warns us against evil men too (for example, 1:10—19).

Proverbs 5:6  Warning against Sexual Immorality

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When the sexually foolish man comes to his senses in v13, whom does he blame

If you think you are above sexual stupidity, you are setting yourself up to fall into it.

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The Path of Folly and Death Proverbs 5:7-14

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For a time, it seems like these promises have been fulfilled, and sinners bask in the sunshine of pleasant experiences and false assurances.

People who commit sexual sins think their problems are solved

“She understands me so much better than my wife does!” and that life will get better and better.

But disobedience to God’s laws always brings sad consequences.

Sinners eventually pay dearly for their brief moments of seeming pleasure.

2Sa 11:1-5  ISV

(1) One spring day, during the time of year when kings go off to war, David sent out Joab, along with his personal staff and all of Israel's army. They utterly destroyed the Ammonites and then attacked Rabbah while David remained in Jerusalem.

(2) Late one afternoon about dusk, David got up from his couch and was walking around on the roof of the royal palace. From there he watched a woman taking a bath, and she was very beautiful to look at.

(3) David sent word to inquire about her, and someone told him, “This is Eliam’s daughter Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite, isn’t it?”

(4) So David sent some messengers, took her from her home, and she went to him, and he had sex with her. (She had been consecrating herself following her menstrual separation.) Then she returned to her home.

(5) The woman conceived, and she sent this message to David: “I’m pregnant.”
The Pattern

David stayed in Jerusalem
David was in bed in the afternoon
David saw and continued to look, he watched
David inquired, sought her out, chased after her
David sent, brought the temptation into his presence
David lay with her and sinned

The Result:

Uriah was murdered.
Solomon's older brother died.
The rest of David's children and family were thrust into a
lifetime jealousy and rebellion

The pattern: He sees, He desires, He takes. He sins

Eve and the forbidden fruit  Gen 3
Acan and the stolen Jericho spoils  Josh 7
Joseph and Potipher's wife  Gen 39

The Way of Escape

2Ti 2:22  NASB  Now flee from youthful lusts and
pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace,
with those who call on the Lord from a pure
heart.

1Co 10:13  ISV  No temptation has overtaken you that is
unusual for human beings.
But God is faithful, and he will not allow you to be tempted
beyond your strength.
Instead, along with the temptation he will also provide a
way out, so that you may be able to endure. [bears up
under] it.

• Be where you should be
• Do what you should be doing
  • Turn away from and flee lust / desire
  • Satisfy your desire properly / righteously

Mat 5:27-30 NASB
(27) "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT
COMMIT ADULTERY';
(28) but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with
lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his
heart.
(29) "If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw
it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of
your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.
(30) "If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw
it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of
your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

Ps. 101:3  "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes",
Ps. 119:37  "Turn my eyes away from worthless things"
Job 31:1  "I have made a covenant with my eyes;
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Prov 5:7-9  Here's What I Want You to Know

7] Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not
from the words of my mouth.
8] Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the
door of her house:
9] Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years
unto the cruel:

We've met “the strange woman” before (Prov 2:16)
she'll be mentioned again (Prov 5:20; 6:24; 7:5; 20:16;
Prov 5:7-11 Here’s What I Want You to Know

Prov 5:7 ISV* ¶ Now, children, [Or sons] listen to me. Don’t turn away from what I am saying. [Lit. from the words of my mouth]

Prov 5:7 KJV+ Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

Prov 5:7 NASB Now then, my sons, listen to me And do not depart from the words of my mouth.

Prov 5:7 NIV Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say.

She keeps you from reflecting on your present conduct and its end,

She constantly changes her allurements to trap you.

You cannot conceive of all her tricks and wiles.

Prov 5:8 Here’s What I Want You to Know

Prov 5:8 ISV* (8) Keep your path far away from her, and don’t go near the entrance to her house,

Prov 5:8 KJV+ (8) Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh to the door of her house:

Prov 5:8 NASB (8) Keep your way far from her And do not go near the door of her house,

Prov 5:8 NIV (8) Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house,

Verse 8 is the key: “Keep your way far from her.”

Don’t tell yourself you can get involved just a little and then walk away clear, no big deal, and nobody will ever know.

Prov 5:8 Here’s What I Want You to Know

Fifteen Reasons to Stay Away from a Strange Woman

1. She is an apostate (Prov 5:3).
2. She is deceptive.
3. She is a flatterer.
4. Her end is like wormwood (a bitter taste, Prov 5:4).
5. Her end is destructive.
6. Her feet go down to death (Prov 5:5).
7. Her steps lay hold of hell.
8. Her ways are unpredictable (Prov 5:6).
9. She will ruin your reputation (Prov 5:9).
10. She will cause years of trouble.
11. She will bring material ruin (Prov 5:10).
12. She will ruin your health (Prov 5:11).
13. She will bring remorse (Prov 5:12-13).
14. She will reduce to wickedness (Prov 5:14).
15. She will cause eternal ruin (Prov 5:23).

For other reasons See notes, Prov 2:16.

Do you think you can play with sin and keep it under your control? Do you think you can compartmentalize God?

When we disobey God, our hearts harden.

The people we violate become hardened and embittered toward us, because sooner or later they find out too.

Sexual folly complicates everything. It ends up:

• financially in cover-ups and alimony and lawsuits,
• socially in his reputation,
• emotionally in his conscience, and of course in his marriage.

Jealousy, hurt, loneliness, regret—the cost is high.

Satan shows the bait, but he hides the hook.
The Path of Folly and Death Proverbs 5:9-14

When you read verses 9—14, you hear the words of a suffering sinner lamenting the high cost of disobeying God’s laws.

The most expensive thing in the world is sin.

- The adulterer ends up giving his strength to others and toiling away to pay his debt.
  - Instead of luxury, the sinner has misery;
  - Instead of riches, poverty; Instead of success, ruin;
  - Instead of a good reputation, the name of an adulterer.

He looks back and wishes he had listened to his parents and his spiritual instructors, but his wishes can’t change his wretched situation.

God in His grace will forgive his sins if he repents, but God in His government sees to it that he reaps what he sows.

Prov 5:9 Here’s What I Want You to Know

| Pro 5:9 ISV* (9) ¶ so that you don’t give your honor to others, and waste your best years; | [Lit. and your years to the cruel] |
| Pro 5:9 KJV+ (9) Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: |
| Pro 5:9 NASB (9) Or you will give your vigor to others And your years to the cruel one; |
| Pro 5:9 NIV (9) lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel, |

We can end up giving our years to “the merciless.”

An adulterous affair and the porn industry are merciless.

They want to enslave us.

Prov 5:10 Here’s What I Want You to Know

| Pro 5:10 ISV* (10) ¶ so that strangers don’t enrich themselves at your expense, [Lit. don’t satisfy themselves with your strength] and your work won’t end up the possession of foreigners, [Lit. won’t go into a foreigner’s house] |
| Pro 5:10 KJV+ (10) Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger; |
| Pro 5:10 NASB (10) And strangers will be filled with your strength And your hard-earned goods will go to the house of an alien; |
| Pro 5:10 NIV (10) lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man’s house. |


She will own what you have labored for.

Prov 5:11 Here’s What I Want You to Know

| Pro 5:11 ISV* (11) ¶ You will cry out in anguish when your end comes, when your flesh and body are consumed, |
| Pro 5:11 KJV+ (11) And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, |
| Pro 5:11 NASB (11) And you groan at your final end, When your flesh and your body are consumed; |
| Pro 5:11 NIV (11) At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. |

[mourn] Hebrew: naham (OT:5098), the most excessive kind of mourning because of physical sufferings.

[body] Hebrew: she’er (OT:7607); its root, sha’ar (OT:7604), refers to the remains of anything.

Here it applies to what is left of the diseased body of a man brought down to death by a life of debauchery.
Prov 5:11  Here’s What I Want You to Know

Pro 5:11 NASB  (11)  And you groan at your final end,
When your flesh and your body are consumed;

Verse 11 says, “And at the end of your life you groan.”
It doesn’t take long for the pain and the groaning to begin.
She will bring you down in remorse and physical suffering.
In this remorse you will become awakened to your foolishness (Prov 5:12-13).

Venereal disease, financial and emotional ruin has reached epidemic proportions.

Prov 5:11  Here’s What I Want You to Know

There is only one true Friend for sexual fools, Jesus Christ, the Crucified One.
He wants you to know that your sexuality is a magnificent gift from God, for his glory and your blessing.
What you are, as a created being, is not fundamentally a problem; what you are, man or woman, is fundamentally a privilege.
If you used your iPhone to hammer nails, you would show complete incomprehension of an iPhone.
Your sexuality is a powerful, delicate gift from God.
You cannot violate his gift without damaging repercussions.

Prov 5:12-14  Here’s What I Want You to Know

There is a way back to healing, and that way is humility.
Note how the tune changes in verses 12—14:

“How I hated discipline,
and my heart despised reproof!
I did not listen to the voice of my teachers
or incline my ear to my instructors.
I am at the brink of utter ruin.
in the assembled congregation.” (Proverbs 5:12—14)

The sexually foolish man finally faces himself.
He owns up, like the prodigal son (Luke 15:11—24).
That young man in Jesus’ parable looked at himself and how low he had fallen and he said, “I am at the brink of utter ruin. But I have a father. I have a home. Why stay here?”
He got up and went home.
And while he was still a long way off, his father ran to him and kissed him. The father did not shame him but rejoiced over him.
The world may pick up its skirts and pass you by.
The world may say you belong in the gutter.
God your Father, because of the cross, is ready to embrace you as you are right now.
Proverbs 5:12-14 Here’s What I Want You to Know

**God will receive you and rejoice over you and renew you.**
He will give you your virginity back, plus more.

“**If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come**” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

“You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:11).

Our Savior makes “**all things new**” (Revelation 21:5).

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Proverbs 5:14 Here’s What I Want You to Know

**Pro 5:14 ISV**  (14) ¶ Now I am at the point of utter disaster in [Lit. in the midst of] the assembly and in the congregation."

Proverbs 5:15-20 From purity to pollution

Solomon compares enjoying married love to drinking pure water from a fresh well,

but committing sexual sin is like drinking polluted water from the gutter or sewer.

Sex within marriage is a beautiful river that brings life and refreshment,

Sex outside marriage is a sewer that defiles everything it touches.

If you “drink deep” of the wrong kind of love (7:18 NIV) it will destroy you.
From purity to pollution  Proverbs 5:15-20

The commitment of marriage is like the banks of the river that channel the river and keep it from becoming a swamp.

God’s holy law confines the waters within the banks, and this produces power and depth.

Extramarital and premarital affairs don’t satisfy because they’re shallow, and it doesn’t take much to stir up shallow water.

A man and woman pledged to each other in marriage can experience the growing satisfaction that comes with love, commitment, depth, and purity.

Prov 5:15-17 Delights of Marital Faithfulness

Here is the message of God’s wonderful gift of sexual wisdom:

Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. (Proverbs 5:15—17)

The metaphor used here is water to satisfy a raging thirst and internal fire.

The Bible is talking about a man’s sexual desires, his passions and his powers.

God is saying, “Satisfy your thirst through lovemaking with your wife.”

Pro 5:15 KJV+ (15) *Drink* waters* out of thine own cistern, and running waters* out of thine own well.*

Pro 5:15 NASB (15) Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.

Pro 5:15 NIV (15) Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.

[Drink waters out of thine own cistern]  One must be satisfied with his own companion and his children must not be illegitimate (Prov 5:15-18).

Your offspring should be from your wife, not from a stranger.
Prov 5:16-17 Delights of Marital Faithfulness

Pro 5:16-17 ISV*  (16) ¶ Should your springs flow outside, or streams of water in the street?  (17) ¶ They should be for you alone and not for strangers who are with you.

Pro 5:16-17 KJV+  (16) Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.  (17) Let them be only thine own, and not strangers with thee.

Pro 5:16-17 NASB  (16) Should your springs be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets?  (17) Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers.

Pro 5:16 NIV  (16) Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares?  (17) Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers.

Prov 5:18-20 Delights of Marital Faithfulness

You have every right to see by faith, God your Father raising his hands in blessing over your marriage bed.

The wise father-figure prays over the married sexual experience of his son and daughter-in-law:

May your fountain be blessed,
and rejoice in the wife of your youth,
a lovely deer, a graceful doe.
Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;
be intoxicated always in her love.
Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman
and embrace the bosom of an adulteress? (Proverbs 5:18-20)

Prov 5:18-19 Delights of Marital Faithfulness

18] Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.  19] Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

Other figures for a wife come from the well-known beauty of these animals.

Ravished: literally, “intoxicated with” that is, fully satisfied.
What does the prayed-for blessing of God look like?
A spring of joyously bubbling sexual happiness between husband and wife.
And that is sexual wisdom.

As the years go by, she will always be in your eyes and heart even as “the wife of your youth.”
You will always cherish her and rejoice over her as that dear girl who gave herself completely to you alone.

Prov 5:18 Delights of Marital Faithfulness

Pro 5:18 ISV*  (18) ¶ Let your fountain be blessed and enjoy the wife of your youth.

Pro 5:18 KJV+  (18) Let thy fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

Pro 5:18 NASB  (18) Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth.

Pro 5:18 NIV  (18) May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.

Let your own wife be blessed, and be satisfied with her at all times (Prov 5:19).
Of Rivers and Swamps  Proverbs 5:19-20

Solomon admonishes the husband to be “ravished” with his wife’s love (5:19—20);
the word translated “ravished” also means “intoxicated” or “infatuated.”
The adulterer watches the river turn into a sewer, but the faithful husband sees the water become wine!
It’s significant that Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding feast, as though He were giving us an object lesson concerning the growing delights of marriage (John 2:1—11).
When a husband and wife are faithful to the Lord and to each other, and when they obey Scriptures like 1 Cor 7:1—5 and Eph 5:22—33, neither of them will look for satisfaction anywhere else.
If they love each other and seek to please each other and the Lord, their relationship will be one of deepening joy and satisfaction; they won’t look around for “the greener grass.”

Prov 5:19  Delights of Marital Faithfulness

Using the deer, graceful doe” imagery of verse 19, the author has in mind “their bright black eyes, their graceful limbs, and their irresistible silky hair,”
Husband, enjoy your wife visually.
Honor and enjoy her beauty.
Wife, present yourself to your husband as attractively as you can, lovely and graceful.
Of all the women on the face of the earth today, a man’s own wife is his only morally legitimate satisfaction of his thirst for sexual enjoyment.
Why not each ask your spouse, “How can I please you more?”
Prov 5:19 Delights of Marital Faithfulness

Pro 5:19 NASB (19) As a loving hind and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; be exhilarated always with her love.

The Bible is saying. When you get married, drop your inhibitions, and go for it in both quality and quantity.”

That is a command of God.

“The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does.

Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

Do not deprive one another” (1 Corinthians 7:4, 5).

Prov 5:20 Delights of Marital Faithfulness

Pro 5:20 ISV* (20) ¶ Why should you be intoxicated by an adulteress, my son, and embrace the bosom of a foreign woman?

Pro 5:20 KJV+ (20) And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

Pro 5:20 NASB (20) For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress and embrace the bosom of a foreigner?

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God is giving you your own personal Garden of Eden with your marriage. Be faithful to it. Enjoy it—to the max.

God didn’t put the “marriage wall” around sex to rob us of pleasure but to increase pleasure and protect it.

Solomon explains the disappointments that come when people violate God’s loving laws of sexual purity.

God lifts physical love in marriage to the very highest plane.
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Remember that marriage was designed by God Himself and was given to the human family for the welfare and good of mankind.

A part of the immorality of our day is the attempts to get rid of marriage.

The ultimate reason for obeying God with sexual wisdom is not physical or social but spiritual.

That is the final thing, and the most important thing, the wise father wants to say.

From freedom to bondage  Proverbs 5:21-23

If we abuse our freedom and deliberately disobey His Word, our freedom will gradually become bondage, the kind of bondage that can’t easily be broken.

“The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast” (5:22 NIV).

Those words could have been used as an epitaph for Samson (Judg. 13—16).

It’s impossible to sin without being bound.

Sin promises freedom but only brings slavery.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin” (John 8:34 NKJV).

“Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?” (Rom. 6:16 NKJV).

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Freedom of choice is one of the privileges God has given us, but He instructs us and urges us to use that freedom wisely.

The laws of God are guideposts to lead us on the path of life.

He watches the decisions we make and the roads we take.

“The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good” (15:3).

As long as we use our freedom wisely, we will mature in Christian character, and God can trust us with more freedom.

The cords of sin get stronger the more we sin.

Sin deceives us into thinking we’re free and can quit sinning whenever we please.

As the invisible chains of habit are forged, we discover to our horror that we don’t have the strength to break them.

Millions of people in our world today are in one kind of bondage or another and are seeking for deliverance.

There is only One who can set us free; Jesus Christ.

“Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed” (John 8:36 NKJV).

No wonder the father warns his children to stay away from the adulteress.

“No, do not come near her!” (5:2 NIV).

“Remove your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house” (Prov. 5:8 NKJV).

“Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death” (7:27).
Prov 5:21-23 Now Decide!

For a man’s ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths. The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray. (Proverbs 5:21—23)

All of us are sexual sinners at some level, and we all know the slavery of it, the inescapable regret and shame of it. Sin touches everything we are.

None of us is perfect.
None of us is strong.

We all need merciful liberation from our pasts, our thoughts, our fantasies...

Ten Examples of Man’s Ways Before God (Prov 5:21)

1. Cain (Gen 4:5-6)
2. Babel's builders (Gen 11:1-11)
3. Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 18:21)
4. Uzzah (2 Sam 6:6-7; 1 Chron 13:10)
5. David (2 Sam 12)
6. Baasha (1 Kings 15:29)
7. Ahab (1 Kings 21:19)
8. Belshazzar (Dan 5:22-28)
9. Nathanael (John 1:48)
10. The seven churches (Rev 2:2,9,13,19; 3:1,8,15)

Estimates are that about 85 percent of men have premarital sex.
After marrying about 25 percent of men and 15 percent of women commit adultery at some point, and
About ½ of all men and 1/3 of all women look at Internet porn once a month.
A tsunami of sexual destruction is slamming us in our modern world today.

We need a massive cleansing that only God can give.
We must run to Christ, the mighty Friend of sexual fools.
Come to Christ.
Be forgiven and learn sexual wisdom as a gift of his grace.

God loves you so much He can’t take His eyes off of you!”

How deeds are recorded is unknown, but every idle word and every cup of cold water given or refused will be brought up before man in the day of judgment (Matt 10:42; 12:37-38; Rev 20:11-15).

The ways of man are before God - He records every word and deed.

Now Decide!
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The wicked person's iniquities will capture him, and he will be held with the cords of his sin.

His own iniquities shall take him, and he shall be held with the cords of his sins.

His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and he will be held with the cords of his sin.

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The 5th prophecy in Proverbs (Pro 5:22-23, being fulfilled in the end of the wicked). Next, Prov 10:30.

Iniquities

Sins shall trap the wicked and hold him in cords that only God can break.

There is no jury at the White Throne Judgment! (Rev 20:11–15; 21:27; 22:15.)

Four examples of men held by sin:

1. Saul (1 Sam 18:8-9; 28:5-20)
2. Ahithophel (2 Sam 17:23)
4. Paul (Rom 7:7-25)
Prov 5  Sweetness to Bitterness

The Book of Proverbs emphasizes the importance of looking ahead to see where your actions will lead you (5:11; 14:12–14; 16:25; 19:20; 20:21; 23:17–18, 32; 24:14, 20; 25:8).

The wise person checks on the destination before buying a ticket (4:26), but modern society thinks that people can violate God’s laws at will and still escape the consequences.

Prov 5  Purity to Pollution

Sex within marriage is a beautiful river that brings life and refreshment,

Sex outside marriage is a sewer that defiles everything it touches.

When a husband and wife obey Scriptures like 1 Co 7:1-5 and Eph 5:22-33, neither of them will look for satisfaction anywhere else.

Prov 5  Gain to Loss

Temptation always includes hopeful promises; otherwise, people wouldn’t take the devil’s bait.

To be a temptation, a thing must be:

• Desireable
• Possible
• Attainable
• Wrong

Sin is the most expensive thing in the world. God in His grace will forgive his sins if he repents, but God in His government sees to it that he reaps what he sows.

Prov 5  Freedom to Bondage

The kind of bondage which can’t easily be broken.

Joh 8:34 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

Rom 6:16 Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

God’s children have the responsibility to represent their Father’s name.

“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge” (Heb 13:4).