

# Proverbs 05 - Three Losers: The Scorer, The Fool, The Simple; Sexual Purity

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(A) Avoid the wayward woman because her conduct is destructive (5:1-6)

1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom, Incline your ear to my understanding,

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1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom, and listen closely to my insight,

1 My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:

2 So that you may maintain discretion And your lips may comply with knowledge.

2 That you may observe discretion And your lips may reserve knowledge.

2 so you may carefully practice discretion and your lips preserve knowledge.

2 That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, And her speech is smoother than oil;

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3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil.

3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword.

- 4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword.
- 4 But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, and as sharp as a double-edged sword.
- 4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
  
- 5 Her feet go down to death, Her steps take hold of Sheol.
- 5 Her feet go down to death, Her steps take hold of Sheol.
- 5 Her feet go down to death; her steps lead to Sheol.
- 5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
  
- 6 She does not ponder the path of life; Her ways are unstable, she does not know *it*.
- 6 She does not ponder the path of life; Her ways are unstable, she does not know *it*.
- 6 You aren't thinking about where her life is headed; her steps wander, but you do not realize it.
- 6 Lest thou should ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, that thou cannot know them.

(B) Avoid the wayward woman because her consequences are destructive (5:7-14)

- 7 Now then, *my* sons, listen to me And do not turn away from the words of my mouth.
- 7 Now then, *my* sons, listen to me And do not depart from the words of my mouth.
- 7 Now, children, listen to me. Don't turn away from what I am saying.
- 7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.
  
- 8 Keep your way far from her, And do not go near the door of her house,
- 8 Keep your way far from her And do not go near the door of her house,
- 8 Keep far away from her, and don't go near the entrance to her house,
- 8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:
  
- 9 Otherwise you will give your vigor to others, And your years to the cruel one;
- 9 Or you will give your vigor to others And your years to the cruel one;
- 9 so that you don't give your honor to others, and waste your best years;
- 9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:
  
- 10 And strangers will be filled with your strength, And your hard-earned possessions *will* go to the house of a foreigner;
- 10 And strangers will be filled with your strength And your hard-earned goods *will* go to the house of an alien;
- 10 so that strangers don't enrich themselves at your expense, and your work won't end up the possession of foreigners.

10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger;

11 And you will groan in the end, When your flesh and your body are consumed;

11 And you groan at your final end, When your flesh and your body are consumed;

11 You will cry out in anguish when your end comes, when your flesh and body are consumed,

11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

12 And you say, "How I hated instruction! And my heart disdainfully rejected rebuke!"

12 And you say, "How I have hated instruction! And my heart spurned reproof!"

12 and you will say, "How I hated instruction, and my heart rejected correction!"

12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

13 "I did not listen to the voice of my teachers, Nor incline my ear to my instructors!"

13 "I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined my ear to my instructors!"

13 I did not obey my teachers and did not listen to my instructors.

13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

14 "I was almost in total ruin In the midst of the assembly and congregation."

14 "I was almost in utter ruin In the midst of the assembly and congregation."

14 Now I am at the point of utter disaster in the assembly and in the congregation."

14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

(C) Sexually enjoy your wife (5:15-23)

(a) Blessings of the marital union (5:15-19)

15 Drink water from your own cistern, And fresh water from your own well.

15 Drink water from your own cistern And fresh water from your own well.

15 Drink water from your own cistern, and fresh water from your own well.

15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

16 Should your springs overflow into the street, Streams of water in the public squares?

16 Should your springs be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets?

16 Should your springs flow outside, or streams of water in the street?

16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

17 Let them be yours alone, And not for strangers with you.

17 Let them be yours alone And not for strangers with you.

17 They should be for you alone and not for strangers who are with you.

17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

18 Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth.

18 Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth.

18 Let your fountain be blessed and enjoy the wife of your youth.

18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

19 *Like a loving doe and a graceful mountain goat, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love.*

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

19 Like a loving deer, a beautiful doe, let her breasts satisfy you all the time. Be constantly intoxicated by her love.

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.

(b) Reasons to avoid adultery (5:20-23)

(i) Senselessness of adultery (5:20)

20 For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress, And embrace the breasts of a foreigner?

20 For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?

20 Why should you be intoxicated by an adulteress, my son, and embrace the bosom of a foreign woman?

20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

(ii) God is watching (5:21)

21 For the ways of everyone are before the eyes of the LORD, And He observes all his paths.

21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths.

21 Indeed, what a man does is always in the LORD's presence, and he weighs all his paths.

21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings.

(iii) Adultery captures and binds (5:22)

22 His own wrongdoings will trap the wicked, And he will be held by the ropes of his sin.

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

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

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

(iv) Adultery brings death (5:23)

23 He will die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his foolishness he will go astray.

23 He will die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

23 He will die for lack of discipline, and he goes astray because of his great folly.

23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

- God didn't put a marriage wall around sex to decrease pleasure...but to increase and protect pleasure