

Passion for Purity – Proverbs 5

I. Introduction – Personal Journey; Purpose to see Christians fulfill the will of God (1 Thess 4:3), and the world to be convicted (Matt 5:27-30)

Proverbs 5: 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.

³ For the lips of an [Ⓛ]adulteress drip honey And smoother than oil is her [Ⓛ]speech; ⁴ But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword. ⁵ Her feet go down to death, Her steps take hold of Sheol. ⁶ [Ⓛ]She does not ponder the path of life; Her ways are unstable, she does not know *it*.

⁷ Now then, *my sons*, listen to me And do not depart from the words of my mouth. ⁸ Keep your way far from her And do not go near the door of her house, ⁹ Or you will give your vigor to others And your years to the cruel one; ¹⁰ And strangers will be filled with your strength And your hard-earned goods *will go* to the house of an alien; ¹¹ And you groan at your [Ⓛ]final end,

When your flesh and your body are consumed; ¹² And you say, “How I have hated instruction! And my heart spurned reproof! ¹³ “I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined my ear to my instructors! ¹⁴ “I was almost in utter ruin In the midst of the assembly and congregation.”

¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern And [Ⓛ]fresh water from your own well.

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

¹⁷ Let them be yours alone And not for strangers with you. ¹⁸ Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth. ¹⁹ As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be [Ⓛ]exhilarated always with her love. ²⁰ For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an [Ⓛ]adulteress And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?

²¹ For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths. ²² His own iniquities will capture the wicked, And he will be held with the cords of his sin. ²³ He will die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

II. 6 Strategies for Developing a Passion for Purity:

- a. Undertake the _____ of biblical instruction – Pr. 5:1-2; Pr. 7, Song of Solomon, 1Corinthians, 1Thessalonians 4; *Wired for Intimacy. How pornography hijacks the male brain* by William Struthers.
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/9-things-you-should-know-about-pornography-and-the-brain/>
- b. Undress the _____ of sexual sin – Pr. 5:3-6
- c. Understand the _____ of safe distance – Pr. 5:7-8
- d. Unmask the _____ of sin’s aftermath – Pr. 5:9-14
- e. Unlock the _____ of marital fidelity – Pr. 5:15-20
- f. Unleash the _____ of God’s omniscience – Pr. 5:21-23