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Proverbs 5:15-19 (ESV)

Drink water from your own cistern,
flowing water from your own well.
Should your springs be scattered abroad,
streams of water in the streets?

¹⁷Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you.

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

¹⁹ a lovely deer, a graceful doe.

Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.

Proverbs 11:22

²²Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion.

Proverbs 30:18-20

- ¹⁸ Three things are too wonderful for me; four I do not understand:
- 19 the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a virgin.
- ²⁰ This is the way of an adulteress: she eats and wipes her mouth and says, "I have done no wrong."

INTRODUCTION:

1. How we undervalue sex

Proverbs 5:15

Proverbs 5:18

Proverbs 5:18-19

Proverbs 5:16

We must be unblushing in our celebration of sexual pleasure within marriage.

We undervalue sex when we loudly emphasize what should not be done at the expense of celebrating what can be done.

We must be unwavering in our commitment to sex being enjoyed exclusively within marriage.

We undervalue sex when we treat it as an appetite to be fulfilled by another rather than a giving of one's whole self to another.

Proverbs 30:18-19

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2. How we overvalue sex

Proverbs 11:22

Men overvalue sexual attractiveness when they evaluate women based mostly on their outward appearance.

Women overvalue sexual attractiveness when they highly prioritize outward appearance over inward beauty.

"I think that sexuality is power for women. I think God or the universe, or whatever you believe in, gave men brute physical strength and gave women their sexuality. It's so easy to control men with it, so I don't know why I wouldn't embrace it and allow myself to be empowered by it." - Megan Fox

3. How sex points us to ultimate love and pleasure