

Sermon Notes

Proverbs 5-6-7

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I. Introduction

Prov 5 is a father's urgent warning against the temptations of sexual immorality.

Prov 6 is a practical warning against foolish and destructive behaviors.

Prov 7 is a cautionary tale warning against the dangers of sexual immorality and adultery.

- a. Proverbs is all about choices... good ones or bad ones... wise choices or foolish choices... choices that lead to life and success or death and adversity... [greatest how-to book](#) ever... Deut 30:15-19... "set before you life and prosperity... death and adversity... choose..." Prov 2:20-22... "righteous will inhabit the land... wicked will be ripped out of it..." Prov 3:13-18... "long life in her right hand... riches and honor in her left... wisdom is tree of life..." Prov 3:35... "the wise will inherit honor... but fools will be put to shame..." Prov 10:21... "words of the righteous encourage many... fools die for lack of wisdom..." Prov 12:21... "no disaster overcomes the righteous... the wicked are full of misery..."
- b. main theme is wisdom... get wisdom at all costs... remember, Jesus is wisdom... not just found in Him... [He is wisdom](#)... answer to your questions is found in Jesus... [pray](#)... Prov 3:5-7... "don't rely on your own understanding... don't be wise in your own eyes..." Prov 8:12-31... "I, wisdom... I possess wisdom... I was formed before earth began..." Prov 14:12... "there is a way that seems right to a man... but it leads to death..." Prov 16:16... "get wisdom... how much better it is than gold..." 1Cor 1... "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom... Christ became wisdom for us..." Col 2:3... "in Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge..."

II. 5-6-7

- a. **Five**
making good choices starts by trusting in God... not in ourselves... very few people wake up planning on making bad choices... but they will if they trust in their own wisdom... Prov 3:5... "trust in the Lord with all your heart... don't rely on your own understanding..." Rom 7:14-25... "nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh... desire to do good, but not the ability to carry it out... I do not do the good that I want to do, but I do evil..."
- headings for Prov 5 include: *Pitfalls of Immorality, Peril of Adultery, Avoid Seduction*... easy to acknowledge sexual sin is wrong... but knowing that doesn't always protect us... one practical way to keep safe is to be wise in all interactions with the opposite sex... Prov 5:1-8... "pay attention to my wisdom... the lips of the forbidden woman drip honey... her feet go down to death... she cares nothing about life... keep far from her... don't go near her door..." **NLT**... "immoral woman... bitter as poison... her steps lead to the grave... stay away from her..."
- set safeguards... don't cross boundaries... no private chats, rides, meals... no meeting with the opposite sex alone... make choice in advance, not in the heat of the moment... 1Cor 6:18... "flee [sexual immorality](#)... sexual immoral person sins against own body..." Eph 5:3... "must not be even a hint of [sexual immorality](#) among you... it is improper..." 1Thess 4:3-5... "this is God's will... that you keep away from [sexual immorality](#)... that each of you knows how to control his own body in holiness... not with lustful passion..." **porneia**... *illicit sexual intercourse; adultery, fornication, homosexuality; sex outside marriage*... Heb 13:4... "marriage is to be honored by all... and the marriage bed kept pure..."

God is not trying to take away your fun... He's trying to bless and multiply your fun... speak to Him about your struggles in this area... David didn't and suffered greatly... 2Sam 11:2-5... "saw a beautiful woman... when she came to him, he slept with her..." 2Sam 12:1-15... "I gave you everything... if that was not enough, I would have given you more... why have you despised the Lord's command by doing what was evil... your son will die..."

b. **Six**

as Christians... should we always give to those in need... what if that person is family or a friend or neighbor... should we guarantee to pay the debts of strangers... Prov 6 tells us how to [balance Christian generosity](#) and kindness with God's wisdom... Prov 6:1-5... "if you have put up security for a friend's debt or guaranteed the debt of a stranger... if you have trapped yourself by your agreement and are caught by what you said... follow my advice and save yourself... go and beg to have your name erased... don't put it off, do it now..."

too often we give without asking for God's direction... sometimes human kindness is not aligned with what God is teaching that person about their personal finances... if you don't seek God... your generosity can end up empowering bad choices... yes, God does want us to be generous... but [follow lead of HS](#), not human obligation when giving... Psa 112:5... "good man is generous and lends... guides his affairs with discretion..." 2Thess 3:10-11... "those [unwilling to work](#) will not get to eat... some are undisciplined..."

blessing another person... especially with a loan... should come from willingness, joy, and freedom... never pressure... HS wants to help you make good financial choices... 2Cor 8... "begged to share... gave first to the Lord and then to us by God's will..." 2Cor 9... "you decide what to give... not in response to pressure... God loves a cheerful giver..."

c. **Seven**

in most areas of temptation... God instructs us to fight... 2Cor 10:3-5... "wage war... weapons not of the flesh... powerful for demolition of strongholds..." Eph 6:10-18... "put on full armor... stand against devil... resist in this evil day..." Phil 4:13... "I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me..." James 4:7... "submit yourselves to God... resist the devil and he will flee from you..."

that is [not the case with sexual temptation](#)... God says to flee from it... avoid it... run... exposure leads to thoughts... thoughts lead to feelings... feelings lead to actions... in regard to sexual immorality... what are you exposing your heart to... what are you watching... what are you listening to... who are you hanging around... it matters... Gen 39:1-18... "his master's wife looked at Joseph, *sleep with me*... he replied, *how could I do this immense evil, and how could I sin against God*... she spoke to him day after day, but he refused to go to bed with her... she grabbed his garment and said, *sleep with me*... he escaped and ran..." Prov 4:14-15... "do not enter the path of the wicked... avoid it, do not go on, turn away..." Prov 7... "wisdom will keep you from a forbidden woman... she seduces... she lures... he follows... he doesn't know it will cost him his life... pay attention... don't let your heart turn to her ways... don't stray onto her path... her house is the way to hell... descending to the chambers of death..."

momentary pleasure of sexual immorality can have lifelong consequences... can't be victorious with willpower... must know your identity... know this is not who you are... when we shout *grace, grace*... power of HS destroys obstacles of temptation... [pray](#)... Zech 4:6-7... "not by strength, not by might... but by My Spirit... shout *grace* to your mountain..." Rom 6:6-8... "old self crucified... body ruled by sin is powerless... died, freed from sin..." 1Cor 15:34... "awake to righteousness and sin (v) not..." 2Cor 5:17-21... "new creation in Christ... old is gone, new has come... righteous in Him..." Eph 4:22-24... "throw off former way of life, corrupted by lust... put on new nature..."

Read [Proverbs 5-6-7](#) every day this week to guard against foolish behavior.