

**THRU THE BIBLE EXPOSITION**  
**Proverbs: Motivating Teens And Adults To Align With God's Fixed Moral Order**  
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**J. Motivating Maturing Teens To Handle Human Sexuality Very Carefully**  
**(Proverbs 5:1-23)**

**I. Introduction**

- A. Human sexuality is a potent force: the Song of Solomon 8:7 in the context of lovemaking between a bride and groom claims many waters cannot quench it. Thus, its abuse is ruinous and its proper use is edifying.
- B. Accordingly, Solomon gave instruction to his maturing son on handling his sexuality in Proverbs 5:1-23, a passage applicable especially to young, maturing adults, but also for adults of all ages (as follows):

**II. Motivating Maturing Teens To Handle Human Sexuality Very Carefully, Proverbs 5:1-23.**

- A. In Proverbs 5:1-2, Solomon called his son to be attentive to his words of wisdom, to keep discretion and to guard knowledge about the charge he was about to make.
- B. That charge in Proverbs 5:3-6 was for Solomon's son to identify the woman who is immoral so as to avoid her, a lesson that is also applicable to a daughter who needs to avoid the immoral man (as follows):
  - 1. Warning Sign One: though the words of the immoral party "drip honey" (ESV) and are "smoother than oil," i. e., they are full of enticing, easily applied ideas on sexual gratification (Pr. 5:3a, b), the party in the end is harsh, destructive and dangerous to one's life (Pr. 5:4-5), and this great discrepancy between her or his alluring speech and dreadful end behavior is a warning sign. (cf. Genesis 39:7, 10, 11-20)
  - 2. Warning Sign Two: an immoral party does not ponder her or his path, Prov. 5:6a NIV. (Gen. 39:7-9a)
  - 3. Warning Sign Three: an immoral party is unaware that her or his path errs, Pr. 5:6b NIV. (Gen. 39:9b)
- C. Solomon then advised how to respond to an immoral person's advance, Proverbs 5:7-8: once the immoral party is identified, one must avoid her or him, for an immoral party is powerfully equipped to influence others to self-destruct in sin, so avoiding her or him is absolutely necessary, Pr. 5:7-8. (Genesis 39:11-12)
- D. The horrible effects of being led by the immoral party into sin are listed in Proverbs 5:9-14 to motivate Solomon's son to heed his advice on identifying and avoiding the immoral party (as follows):
  - 1. Sexual immorality causes one to lose his strength to others, Proverbs 5:9a NIV.
  - 2. Sexual immorality will enslave the years of one's life to cruel people, Proverbs 5:9b NIV.
  - 3. Sexual immorality will cause one to lose all his wealth and get in debt to others, Proverbs 5:10 NIV.
  - 4. Finally, sexual immorality will cause one to suffer physical ruin and remorse over failing to heed discipline, correction and teaching as he faces humiliation and public ruin, Proverbs 5:11-14 NIV.
- E. However, human sexuality is itself a healthy force as God Himself created it (Gen. 1:27-28), so Solomon explained that his son should **always** meet **all** of his sexual needs within upright marriage, Prov. 5:15-19:
  - 1. Proverbs 5:16 should be in the form of a rhetorical question as in the NIV to ask why one's fountains and rivers should flow in the streets. Thus, Proverbs 5:15-16 NIV **contrasts** the blessing of private sexual gratification in marriage (meeting one's "thirst" from his **own** "cistern" and "well", verse 15) opposite resorting to immorality (drinking water from springs that overflow into a city street, verse 16): springs that overflow into the city street pick up contaminants, irritate city residents and publicly humiliate the springs' owner precisely like immorality affects those who get involved in it!
  - 2. Proverbs 5:17-19 explains sexual fulfillment is **always** to occur **in** one's original, private marriage: opposite the world's idea, gaining gratification by one's **original** spouse is **always** possible.
- F. Solomon again warned about immorality to motivate his son to follow his advice, Proverbs 5:20-23:
  - 1. Asking rhetorically why his son should commit immorality (Prov. 5:20), Solomon noted God sees all a man does, and ponders all his ways with the implication that God will judge him, Prov. 5:21. Thus, it is foolish for anyone to have a secret affair or even to gratify his needs by pornography, Matt. 5:27-28!
  - 2. Also, the immoral actions of a man ensnare him, binding him fast, and he ends up dying prematurely for a lack of discipline because the folly of immorality has led him astray into ruin, Proverbs 5:22-23.

***Lesson:*** *Human sexuality is a potent force that if abused is very destructive and if used rightly is a great blessing, so Solomon directed that human sexuality be handled in marriage with great, righteous care.*

***Application:*** *May we realize the potency of human sexuality and handle it with great, upright care.*