

CHAPTER 7

Proverbs 7:1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

Sons often neglect their father's instructions and warnings.

If sons forget them, they will not be ready, when temptation is in their eyes, ears, heart, and loins.

The temptation here is dangerous and powerful, a beautiful and skilled adulteress (*Proverbs 7:5-27*).

The same lesson applies to young women, when they are infatuated with a handsome man.

Solomon begins and ends his warning with appeals to remember his advice (*Proverbs 7:1-4, 24*).

Solomon knew the folly and vanity of youth (*Proverbs 22:15; Ecclesiastes 11:10*).

Solomon knew the great vulnerability that young men and women have to sexual lusts and temptations (*Psalms 25:7; Ecclesiastes 12:5; Ezekiel 23:3, 8, 19, 21; 2Timothy 2:22*).

Solomon knew their freedom, folly, naiveté, sexual desire, and youthful bodies create a dangerous combination.

Solomon also knew the haughty spirit in most of their hearts. Therefore, he repeatedly begged his children to listen and remember his instruction (*Proverbs 1:8; 2:1-5; 3:1-4; 4:1-5, 13; 5:1-2, 7; 6:20-21; 7:1-4, 24; 8:32-33*).

Dangers Of Not Remembering Are Great!

How will a young man resist, when his eyes are full of her beauty, his ears full of her flattery, his heart full of her offered love and submission, and his loins full of desire (*Proverbs 5:3; 6:24-25; 7:13-21*)?

How will a young woman resist, when her eyes are full of his manliness, her ears full of flattery, her heart full of his attention and affection, and her body craves his full embrace (*Genesis 34:1-3*)?

Consequences Of Not Remembering Are Great!

Solomon warned his children very carefully about the bitter pain that would wrack their consciences and bodies after sinning sexually (*Proverbs 5:7-14*).

Solomon's children would lose their reputations, years of their lives, and their labor and money.

Solomon's children would grieve about their hypocrisy, but it would be too late.

Solomon's children would remember the many warnings they had been given, but it would be too late.

Why is it hard for youth to remember instruction?

Youth have undisciplined and wandering minds.

Youth easily forget what was said in their rush to explore new things.

Youth get enraptured in the vanity of youthful activities and lusts.

Youth think their teachers are too conservative and missing the great pleasures of life.

Youth fall into temptation naively and unaware without recollection of warnings.

Youth Is Folly And Vanity!

Consider Joseph in Egypt. He worked for Potiphar in his late teens and twenties, the years of a man's most powerful sexual drive (*Genesis 37:2; 41:46*).

Joseph was far from home; no one knew him; Egypt's morality was low; and a beautiful woman begged him to sleep with her (*Genesis 39:7-12*).

Joseph did not have a Bible, and there were none for sale at the local pyramid book store!

How did he resist this woman in these circumstances? How did he give such a sober answer to her? He remembered the instructions of his father from his youth!

But consider Samson with Philistine women. Though he had good parents, who had been given careful instructions about his life, he chose early on to reject their advice about women (*Judges 13:1-25; 14:1-3*).

By forgetting the warnings of his parents, Samson was in no condition to resist the lying words, hired body, and short-term pleasure of Delilah; and he was utterly ruined (*Judges 16:1-21*)!

If only Samson had remembered his parents' advice and married a beautiful woman of Israel and had children with her (*Proverbs 5:15-23*)!

Consider also Solomon had been taught well by both of his parents, David and Bathsheba (*Proverbs 4:1-4; 1Chronicles 28:9*).

Solomon had witnessed the horrible evils of sexual sins in his own father and family (*2Samuel 11:1-27; 12:1-25; 13:1-39*).

Solomon forgot his father's instruction and ruined his life with 1000 ungodly women (*1Kings 11:1-8; Nehemiah 13:23-27*).

**If This Wise Man Could Forget
The Instruction He Had Been Given
The Danger Is Much Greater For You.**

How well do you hear and remember what you are taught by your parents and pastors?

Jesus Christ taught that careful hearing is very important, for He knew the enemies of retention and application (*Luke 8:11-18*).

1. *Take heed therefore how ye hear: Luke 8:18*
2. *Take heed what ye hear: Mark 4:24*

Do you crave hearing and learning to grow in knowledge (*1Peter 2:1-3; 2Peter 3:18*)?

Do you review what you are taught and practice applying it (*Hebrews 5:12-14*)?

Can you teach others, or do you still need to be taught?

Proverbs 7:2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Good fathers warn their sons about women. Solomon warned his son here (*Proverbs 7:6-27*).

Solomon asked his son to remember his advice and value it highly.

Whorish women have done more harm to more young men than any other single influence (*Proverbs 7:26; 23:27-28; Genesis 3:12; Ecclesiastes 7:26*).

Whorish women must be warned against often, and the warnings must be appreciated.

This Proverb does not stress obeying fatherly instruction, but rather not forgetting or neglecting the advice.

The imperative verb "keep" is understood here as paying attention or regard to the commandments. This is known by the preceding context (*Proverbs 7:1*).

And the following context (*Proverbs 7:3*), and the elliptical explanation of "as the apple of thine eye" (*Proverbs 7:2*).

When the ellipsis is supplied, the Proverb reads, "Keep my commandments, and live; and keep my law as the apple of thine eye."

The great temptation facing most young men is to discount their father's advice about women due to the folly bound in their hearts and the lust raging in their eyes and loins (*Proverbs 22:15; Psalm 25:7; 2Timothy 2:22; 1John 2:16*).

The idiom "apple of the eye" means something that is cherished with the greatest regard. It originally referred to the pupil of the eye, which was supposed to have been, a globular solid body, much like an apple.

As precious as this part of the eye is to seeing, and as all objects are beheld through this aperture, the expression means something very precious.

Good fathers warn their sons often about whorish women. Solomon stressed their danger in the book of Proverbs (*Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-23; 6:20-35; 7:1-27; 9:13-18; 22:14; 23:27-28; 30:20; 31:3*).

Was it the warning because of his father's failure (*2Samuel 11:1-27*)? Or his own failure (*1Kings 11:1-8*)? Or was it because of Judah (*Genesis 38:12-26*)? Or Samson (*Judges 16:4-21*)?

By nature, a son does not value his father's warnings. He deceives himself to believe that his father is out of touch with the world, that his father overstates the danger, that his father wants to deprive him of pleasure, that his father never met a desirable woman, that his father did not have sexual lusts, or that he can escape the consequences his father describes.

All these, are damnable lies, from a foolish youthful heart and the father of lies (Satan).

Sons must trust fathers and esteem their advice and warnings. Every father was once a young man with the same desires and temptations. But a father has survived youth and reflected much, on what is best for his son.

A father has long-term success in mind, not short-term pleasures that will ruin his life!

Fathers love their sons more than any woman will ever love them, even a virtuous wife! Young man, keep your father's commandments!

Young men must resist the attraction and temptation of a whorish woman by having their minds firmly established in their fathers' commandments long before they encounter this very dangerous creature.

Once young men are even slightly captivated by the appearance, flattery, or offers of a seductress, it becomes almost impossible to recall any warnings.

But what will a young man do, whose father does not teach or warn him about such a woman?

He will be helpless before the drawing power of her body and wiles.

Such fathers are accomplices in the destruction of their sons! Though he may have advised and warned about many dangers, he neglected the most harmful. Fathers, save your sons!

God your Father has given His commandments and law to you. Do you keep them as the apple of your eye? Do you read them daily? Do you meditate upon them? Do you tremble before their warnings and rejoice at their instruction?

Or do you deceive yourself that you can forget or neglect them and survive? Do not be a fool!

Proverbs 7:3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

The Holy Spirit through Solomon, used this section of Proverbs, to teach his son again, about the great danger of whorish women, and he did not want him to forget His Words (***Proverbs 7:1-2***).

The looks and flattery of evil women are incredibly powerful. Do not forget my warnings, son! The consequences of fornication are death and hell. You will ruin your life. Do not forget my lessons!

Good fathers warn their sons about the horrible dangers of loose women, but sons must remember the warnings for them to do any good.

**Hearing A Warning Is One Thing
Remembering It Is Another
Avoiding The Danger Is The Best**

Especially when the danger is as appealing and enticing as a seducing woman. Remember what I have taught you!

To be told a certain road is washed out, but then go driving down that road at night is insane! It is just as foolish to read Solomon's wise warnings against the strange woman, but then keep company with one, read or look at pornography, or visit wicked chat rooms. It is wisdom to take good advice and steer as far away from any danger as possible.

Here are two figures of speech teaching the practical importance of remembering wise warnings.

You cannot actually tie Bible verses around your fingers or write them on a table in your heart.

The lesson is: To keep the warnings definitely with you and to have them plainly in your internal thought processes.

You Cannot Let These Warnings Slip Away!

David said, "*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee*" (***Psalms 119:11***). You do this by memorizing the Word of God, so you can have it in your heart when you need it.

You can also meditate on God's Word and lay hold of the strong emphasis against sexual sins. You must be committed at all times against strange women.

In ***Deuteronomy 6:6***, is the first principle of teaching. God said, "*And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates*" (***Deuteronomy 6:6-9***).

Sexual temptations are everywhere in our society. Whorish women are everywhere.

If you forget, God's Word you have heard, you lose its saving effect in your life (***1Corinthians 15:2***).

If you let godly teaching slip away, your risks increase (***Hebrews 2:1-4***).

Therefore, you must remember it and keep it, and you cannot resent or reject preachers who frequently repeat warnings (***2Peter 1:12-15***).

Proverbs 7:4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman:

Every man needs a good woman, or two! He first needs Lady Wisdom as his sister and kinswoman (***Proverbs 4:8; 8:17; 9:1-12***).

She will protect him from the whorish Lady Folly (***Proverbs 9:13-18***).

He also needs a God-fearing and virtuous woman as his wife (***Proverbs 18:22; 19:14; 31:10***).

She will satisfy him against seduction by the strange woman (***Proverbs 5:15-20; 1Corinthians 7:1-5***).

Solomon the king warned his son about the strange woman, a single or married whore trying to seduce him.

A constant threat of those in positions of influence, power, or wealth (***Proverbs 7:1-5***).

Solomon wanted his son's full attention, for the advice was crucial to his safety and success.

Solomon wanted his son to remember and prize the instruction (*Proverbs 7:1-5*).

Solomon wrote a lengthy parable about the seduction of a foolish young man by an adulteress (*Proverbs 7:6-23*).

He fully developed the woman's guile and manipulation of the young fool, illustrating it in such a way as to show her bewitching attractiveness.

He finished by warning all his children to keep their hearts and feet from going near her, for her seduction is powerful and the sinful consequences of fornication are severe (*Proverbs 7:24-27*).

The Words of this Proverb under consideration is part of Solomon's appeal to his son.

First he exhorted his son to retain and remember his instruction (*Proverbs 7:1*).

Then he exhorted his son to obey his rules, and to value them as the apple of his eye (*Proverbs 7:2*).

And finally, he exhorted him to make every effort to remember the warning advice, because there would be a need for it (*Proverbs 7:3*).

What does it mean to call wisdom your sister? It means to embrace her and make her near and dear to you (*Proverbs 4:6-8; 8:17; Song of Solomon 8:1*).

A close sister would never let you get near a whorish woman. She would despise the woman, and she would expose her wicked wiles and foretell the horrible consequences. You would trust a close sister, for you would know she had your best interests at heart.

Wisdom calls for young men to stay away from anything to do with whores and to find fulfillment with a godly wife (*Proverbs 5:15-20*).

What does it mean to call understanding your kinswoman? It means to consider her a close confidant, dear companion, and faithful friend. It means to trust her motives and follow her advice, for she seeks your prosperity.

Understanding is another name for wisdom in this context. While other men are making "sisters" of wanton whores, let understanding be your close kinswoman. She will protect you from their sinful seduction.

Is wisdom your sister? Is understanding your kinswoman? **If** she is: you fear God and want to live by His wisdom.

You will have taken God's Words and warning to avoid worldly women and any activities or places pertaining to them. You will be totally against fornication before

marriage and adultery during marriage. You will despise pornography, lascivious movies and music, and Internet chat rooms. You will love the wife of your youth (*Proverbs 5:15-20*).

Your literal wife and figurative sister are dear friends. The two women that help each other.

A man with wisdom as his sister will maximize his marriage by the Word of God. He will cherish, honor, love, and nourish her, for He will obey God's Word for marriage.

A man with a virtuous woman for his wife will seek the fear of the Lord and wisdom by the provoking example and meek reminders of his holy wife.

What great women! Call unto wisdom today! Call her your sister! Call unto understanding today! Call her your kinswoman!

Embrace the truth of God's inspired Word. Tremble before its every Word, esteem every precept regarding every subject to be right, and hate every false way (*Isaiah 66:2; Psalm 119:128*).

If you do not, then you are fair game for Lady Folly and the strange woman. God may leave you, to your own devices, that will destroy you (*Proverbs 8:36; 29:1*).

Follow this metaphor even further. Who were the sisters of Jesus Christ: whoever has heard God's Word and obeyed it!

When told about his literal mother and siblings wanting to see Him, Jesus said, "*For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother*" (*Matthew 12:46-50*).

When Mary was exalted too highly, Jesus said, "*Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it*" (*Luke 11:27-28*).

Woman Are You A True Sister?

Proverbs 7:5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.

It is God's blessing to have a wife as your life companion and lover (*Proverbs 18:22; 19:14; Genesis 2:18; Ecclesiastes 9:9; Hebrews 13:4*).

Any other woman, though you may know her, though she may be desirable, she is a stranger. She cannot be your companion or lover.

She is an outsider, a foreigner, to your marriage. Solomon warned long and loud against the great sin of adultery.

Sexual sin is a great threat to wisdom, success, and prosperity. It corrupts and enslaves body and soul (*Proverbs 5:20-23; 7:22-27*).

History reveals the destroyed lives of men, who did not resist the advances or availability, of a woman outside their marriages. From princes to paupers, men have been seduced and sacrificed by adulterous women (*Proverbs 23:27-28; 31:3*).

What is a strange woman? Solomon used this descriptive phrase to describe an adulteress or whore (*Proverbs 2:16; 5:3, 10, 20; 6:24; 7:5; 20:16; 22:14; 23:27, 33; 27:13*).

Jephthah was the son of a strange woman, because his father conceived him with a harlot (*Judges 11:1-2*).

How is she strange? Does it only apply to liaisons with unknown partners? No, the Word is used to describe a woman with whom you have no rights for intimate companionship or sexual pleasures.

She is outside your marriage. She belongs to another man, either father or husband. You have no marital rights to her.

Where is she found? Anywhere, today! Street prostitutes and hired escorts are extreme examples.

Women's liberation and Hollywood give every woman the right to sex, so she is in the office, the neighborhood, the gym, or even your church. The perilous times of the last days turn even Christian girls and women into whores (*2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Peter 2:10-19*).

Consensual sex is a lie! God has not consented! It does not matter that she is willing, wanting, or eager! God is angry, jealous, and provoked! Do not call it a "victimless" crime!

The Lord is a victim of your moral rebellion! And there are always other victims to sexual sins, even **If** you are too selfish or stupid to consider them.

Flattery is her tool of choice. Men are helpless before the smooth praise of a whore (*Proverbs 2:16; 5:3; 6:24; 7:21*).

Here are two lessons: Men must avoid communication with flirting women, and their wives should praise their husbands.

Godly men, will guard exchanges, with women other than their wives in person, by phone, by email, or by letter. It is for your life.

Solomon diligently tried to warn his son (*Proverbs 7:1-3*). How well will you listen? Wisdom and its promised success, and prosperity are impossible, **If** you allow strange women any place in your life.

Proverbs 7:6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

A picture is worth a thousand words. Object lessons are better than theory. Rules with examples are better than rules alone. Word problems are better than math abstractions.

And a window casement, provides the frame for the unforgettable painting, of a foolish young man being destroyed from the inside out, by a strange woman. What a picture!

Whether this is an event in Solomon's life, or a parable illustrating a common event, of life in general, it does not affect the lesson. But since the book is of Proverbs and parables, not a history of his life, we should assume the latter. And it will give us additional instruction.

A casement is the frame or sash of a window that opens from the side.

Solomon did not merely watch the passing people. He observed, analyzed, considered, and drew wise conclusions. He did the same with the field of the slothful (*Proverbs 24:30-34*).

Reader, it is your duty to observe and consider the ways of the world, for you can do it safely, with the wisdom provided by our Holy Spirit and His inspired book of instruction.

The lesson again is about the strange woman (*Proverbs 7:5, 8, 10*). The whole chapter warns of her. The parable teaches how the overwhelming temptation and wiles of a strange woman, can easily destroy, a foolish and naïve young man (*Proverbs 7:6-23*).

The only hope for deliverance and safety is for him to stay far away from her (*Proverbs 7:8, 24-27*). See the comments on *Proverbs 5:8*.

Solomon begins by appealing to his son, to tightly retain his wisdom and instruction, about the strange woman (*Proverbs 7:1-5*).

Solomon concludes by telling him the grave danger, how to save himself, and the absolute necessity of caution (*Proverbs 7:24-27*). In between is the graphic parable.

Here is our lesson from these Words. Parents and teachers must use plain, descriptive illustrations of real life dangers.

Theory, rules, frowns, and negative answers are not enough. The Holy Spirit did not use the seventh commandment here (*Exodus 20:14*).

Rather, Holy Spirit showed plainly the danger and dire consequences, of breaking that commandment.

Do you know how to teach godly wisdom, for solving life's problems? **If** yes, do you do it? (*Deuteronomy 6:6*).

Whispering, backbiting, talebearing, and slandering are heinous sins. But the holy use of real events, for godly instruction, in wisdom fall into none of these categories.

If real people are used, the events must be true, well known, and not used to harm others' reputations. Paul and John use several individuals by name, and even a whole nation, to illustrate sins (*1Timothy 1:18-20; 2Timothy 4:14-15; Titus 1:12; 3John 1:9-10*).

Jesus said, "Remember Lot's wife." In three Words He illustrated with great power the danger of trying to save your life (*Luke 17:28-33*).

Jesus did Lot's wife no harm. Jesus told of prayers of a Pharisee and a publican. In a few verses He showed, the contrite heart of one and the self-righteousness of the other (*Luke 18:9-14*).

Jesus did the Pharisee no harm. The condemned prayer was true, well known, and used for holy instruction.

Jesus knew how to use current events. When told about Galileans killed by Pilate while offering sacrifices, He made a lesson of repentance.

Jesus used the story of eighteen, who died when a tower fell on them, for further stress on repentance (*Luke 13:1-5*).

The Bible records many sins of many men, both wicked and godly alike. The sins truly happened, were well known in Israel, and were used for the holy purposes of instruction. And they were punished openly, so all Israel would hear and fear (*Deuteronomy 13:11; 21:21*).

Consider Jude's short epistle. He reminds us of Israel in the wilderness (5), the fallen angels (6), Sodom and Gomorrah (7), filthy dreamers (8), Michael the archangel (9), brute beasts (10), Cain (11), Balaam (11), Korah (11), and Enoch (14). Get the simple message? Do likewise.

Parents!

Can you use family members, neighbors, and others for valuable object lessons, in training your children?

Can you take current events of your city or nation to illustrate sin and its consequences? **If** you can do this, have you done it to save your children?

Academic instruction is of comparatively little value, even in their chosen profession. The practical training at a godly supper table is of much greater value.

It is easy to make a living, but it is much more difficult to live godly. Parents! Keep your priorities right! You cannot assign child training to the local school, a Christian school, or a Sunday School. It is your job.

Pagans help with homework every night to make little pagans. Helping your children with their homework is not training them (*Proverbs 22:6; Psalm 78:1-8; Ephesians 6:4*).

Teach spiritual truth, godly wisdom, holy living, virtuous thinking, noble attitudes, and the sober application of it all.

Child training is easy, **If** you will not follow the pagans in their worship of academic instruction. Let your supper table be a feast of godly wisdom!

Every day should be a learning experience, for the open window of daily life presents many pictures.

A father who can take either, an infant's temper tantrum or an international political event, and apply the Word of God is a wise and valuable father. His children will trust and fear his opinion.

A father who can speak plainly about the real aspects of life, such as sex, money, love, and success, is a great father. His children will trust and seek his opinion.

Intelligence, education, nor eloquence is needed. Every man is capable, for a farmer who reads his Bible every day and watches through his casement will have the wisdom to teach his children at every supper table. Will you rise to the opportunity?

Solomon spent his life, not reading about sin and the purpose for man, but experimenting with it all. We have incredible experience and wisdom at our fingertips in the Scriptures. We do not need to experiment like he did; but we can learn from his approach.

Use valuable object lessons for instruction from the real world passing by your windows. Can you take current events and apply God's Word to them? Can you apply the Holy Spirits Proverbs to situations in life?

It is your duty as a Christian, to grow in wisdom and knowledge, to be able to discern between good and evil and teach others (*Hebrews 5:12-14*).

The Lord Jesus sat, and watched the offerings, at the temple and drew marvelous conclusions for holy instruction (*Mark 12:41-44*).

The Lord Jesus filled Scripture with examples for our learning (*Romans 15:4; 1Corinth 10:5-6, 11-12*).

If we look through the window of the Bible and watch Him, we will have a perfect lesson for life (*Hebrews 12:1-4; 1Peter 2:21*).

Proverbs 7:7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

Stupid boy! Grow up! Do not let a whorish woman use you like that! Do not let her destroy your life! Do not go near her! Get away, now! Your soul, body, and reputation are at stake!

The Holy Spirit used these Words, to begin his lengthy parable, about the seduction of a young man, by an adulteress (*Proverbs 7:6-23*).

The Holy Spirit identified the character of this victim as a simple person, a youth, and a young man without understanding. Mature and wise young men, will not fall for a whorish woman as easily, for they understand the danger and avoid her.

What is a simple person? If we trust the Oxford English Dictionary, it is a person who lacks ordinary sense or intelligence, more or less foolish, silly, or stupid.

Solomon used a vulnerable youth for this parable, because he had observed many foolish and stupid young men ruined by profane women. His goal was to grab the attention of his son (*Proverbs 7:1, 24*).

What is a youth? It is a person between childhood and adulthood.

If childhood ends at puberty and adulthood begins at 30, then it is the 18 years between the ages of 12 and 30 (*Numbers 4:3; 1Chronicles 23:3; Luke 3:23*).

Solomon observed that both childhood and youth were vanity (*Ecclesiastes 11:10*).

Solomon as a wise man, he had no regard for the age of 18 as meaning anything. Any man that has lived to the age of 30 knows, that he was an mental midget at 18.

What is a young man void of understanding? He is a male before adulthood, that has not grasped: the seriousness of life, the consequences of sin, or the dangers of women.

He thinks life, is a daily opportunity for pleasure without any punishment, for foolish choices.

He has no fear of God, so he makes all choices and decisions by feelings and lusts.

Such young men are incredibly dangerous, to themselves! They need fathers that will keep them away

from temptation, that will train them in righteousness, and that will warn them of the severe consequences of sexual sins.

Young man, are you a stupid fool, or a sober and wise man?

Father, have you taught and trained your son for life, or not?

Paul warned Timothy about youthful lusts, when hormones are raging and the mind and soul are weak (*2Timothy 2:22*).

David asked God, to forgive him the sins of his youth, when he had fallen to temptation (*Psalms 25:7*).

You should be a child in malice, harboring no grudges, but a man in understanding, letting wisdom determine conduct (*1Corinthians 14:20*).

How can a young man save himself? "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word" (*Psalms 119:9*). Especially *Proverbs 1:1-5!*

Proverbs 7:8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,

How close should you get to death and hell? If you know a thing will kill you and take you to hell, Should you play with it? Should you think about it? Should you tell yourself you can survive it?

Death and hell are not survivable! They are the ruin and misery of men! Adultery is the certain way to death and hell, but the young fool of this Proverb passed near an adulteress and then went to her house. He made a fatal mistake (*Proverbs 7:21-23*).

Sexual temptations powerfully attract young men. By the Holy Spirit, Solomon committed several of the early chapters of Proverbs to this subject, as he sought to warn his son, about the danger of the strange woman, whores and adulteresses.

Some think this is too much emphasis on sexual sins, but they are thinking and speaking against God's infinite wisdom and the painful experience of most men in human history. The danger is everywhere, especially today!

Solomon told his son four times that adultery is the way to death and hell in these early chapters (*Proverbs 2:18-19; 5:5; 7:27; 9:18*).

And when Solomon summarized his observations about life later, he concluded the same thing (*Ecclesiastes 7:26*).

Adultery ruins reputations, destroys the soul, binds a man in the cords of sexual addiction, corrupts family trees, introduces diseases to the healthy, causes jealous rage, damns the conscience, and takes you to hell on earth!

Proverbs is primarily a book of short, inspired, and powerful observations about life, from the mind of God, through the pen of Solomon.

However, in this chapter Solomon wrote an extended Proverb, a parable (**Proverbs 7:6-23**).

His parable described, the seduction and ruin, of a young man by a skilled adulteress.

The young fool never had a chance. She was ten times his superior in deception and seduction. He went down like an ox to the slaughter.

It never would have happened, **It** never could have happened. **If** he had not passed through the street near her corner and went the way to her house!

Sexual sins cannot happen, **If** you stay away from the source of temptation. Sexual temptation is too powerful to ever play with.

You must run from sexual temptation, as Paul warned (**1Corinthians 6:18; 2Timothy 2:22**).

You must avoid sexual temptation at all costs and not get near it (**Proverbs 5:8; 7:25**).

The Lord Jesus Christ said it was better to pluck out your right eye or cut off your right hand than to allow sexual temptation to take you down to hell (**Matthew 5:27-30**).

No matter how dear and precious a thing might be to you, as your right eye, you should get rid of it, **If** it tempts you to sin sexually.

No matter how necessary and practical a thing might be, as your right hand, you should get rid of it, **If** it tempts you to sexual sin.

This is no light matter. The consequences are fatal and could be eternal. Jesus Christ gave you divine wisdom. See comments: **Proverbs 14:12 and Proverbs 16:25**.

Wise men will reject for themselves, and fathers will condemn for their sons: coed gyms, Internet chat rooms, Hollywood movies, coed swimming, most television programs, un-chaperoned time with any woman, worldly parties, pornography of any sort, college fraternities, most cruises or resorts, bars or nightclubs of any kind, coed ski trips, casual phone or email contact with other women, jobs with temptresses, dinners out with other women, business trips without strict safeguards, casual relationships with married

women, worldly music, lascivious novels, and any other possibility of temptation.

Sexual sins cannot occur, **If** you stay far away from seducing temptations to them.

Paul taught in general that Christians should not even allow a provision or opportunity for the flesh to sin (**Romans 13:14**).

If the Holy Spirit, taught this inspired rule in general for all sins, how much more should you apply it to matters of sexual temptation, which are the most seducing and damning in life.

If a thing even leans in the direction of temptation, get away from it!

The Lesson Is Simple: stay far away from anything that tempts you to sexual sin. Never be a fool like Lot and pitch your tent toward Sodom (**Genesis 13:12**).

If you already live too close, move as soon as possible! It is not worth ruining your soul and family.

Sexual sins can be avoided, **If** you cut off the sources of temptation.

Replace any voids in your life with spiritual exercises and enhancing your marriage (**Proverbs 5:19-20; Psalm 119:11; 1Corinthians 7:1-5**).

Proverbs 7:9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night:

Here is a warning about darkness and night. In a context of fornication (**Proverbs 7:6-27**).

Solomon describes a sexual sin, taking place after dark, warning us of activities at night.

A young fool looking for a whore begins his search "*in the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night.*"

A young fool does not go near her house in broad daylight, for he would be seen; and she is not as easily found then either, for she must also hide her activities.

Job describes adulterers by saying, "*The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth his face*" (**Job 24:15**).

In this passage, Job goes much further to describe how various wicked men hate the light (**Job 24:13-17**).

Sin causes shame and guilt, and it brings punishment; so men hide sinful activities from view.

Jesus said wicked men love darkness to hide their sins, lest the light reveal their evil (*John 3:19-21*).

Adam and Eve tried to hide their nakedness with fig leaves and the trees of the garden (*Genesis 3:7-8*).

Darkness Has Always Been The Favorite Cloak For Sinners!

During the daylight, even the worst sections of a city look free from sin and vice; but those places after dark fill with wicked persons using the night to hide their identities and activities.

Drunkenness, fornication, prostitution, robbery, and murder all greatly increase at night.

Bars used for meeting the opposite sex for fornication are called nightclubs for good reason, they would never work as dayclubs!

Our nation's cesspools, Las Vegas for example, do their big business late in the night. Restaurants and lounges at night turn the lights down and the music up, for any woman looks better in dull light after a few drinks.

The boldness, to pursue drunkenness, fornication, and other sins, is greatly encouraged by the cover of darkness.

Prime time television is when sober people are already in bed, but the devil can best sow his wicked images in minds, that are no longer occupied with legitimate and productive activities.

They can go to bed with minds filled with ungodly images, to corrupt their souls during the night. Movies are also mostly attended at night, and well into the night.

Our great grandparents had the perfect routine before the invention of electricity, which led to television, movies, and more activity at night. They went to bed with the birds and got up with the birds; and there was no time for cruising, carousing, or clubbing at night.

Our great grandparents kept a schedule that promoted that sober time of quietness in the morning that is now lost.

Our great grandparents emphasis, was on how much they could get done in the morning, rather than surviving the day to be able to play at night. Their sobriety condemns our generation.

It was once an adage of our nation that "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."

And saints could rightly add holiness to that formula! Today's generation simply make fun of any "old fogey" that would go to bed before 9:00 P.M.

If David had stayed in bed with one of his beautiful and eager wives, he would never have seen Bathsheba using the cover of darkness to take a bath (*2Samuel 11:2*).

What a foolish choice to leave his bed and go forth at night from the safety of his own house!

Not all night activities are wrong, as Paul once preached to midnight and beyond (*Acts 20:7-11*). And our Lord prayed all night on occasion, due to the demands of the crowds during the day (*Luke 6:12*).

Shepherds were abiding in the field at night when they heard the announcement of our Lord's birth. But these were exceptions and for godly purposes.

Curfews for youth are excellent rules, as the minds of foolish young people are much more prone to the lusts of the flesh after dark, when their actions, will be hid and their consciences emboldened to try things they would otherwise avoid.

Getting them up early and putting them to hard work will leave them tired and desiring bed when night arrives!

Let this Proverb adjust your schedule toward the morning and keep you sober about the night.

Father's restrict your children's activities at night and teach them habits that will reduce the temptations of darkness. May the Light of the world save us and our children!

Throughout the New Testament, saints of God are described as the children of the day, and not of the darkness. We are to live and walk as children of light in this dark world.

The lesson of our Proverb being used extensively by our Lord and His apostles (*Luke 16:8; John 1:4-9; 3:19-21; 11:9-10; 12:35-36, 46; Acts 26:18; Romans 13:11-14; 1Corinthians 4:5; 2Corinthians 4:6; 6:14; Ephesians 5:8-14; 6:12; Colossians 1:13; 1Thessalonians 5:1-8; 1Peter 2:9; 1John 1:5-6; 2:8-11*).

As saints of God, we should remember there will be no night in heaven at all, for the Lamb of God will be the perpetual and glorious light of that place (*Revelation 21:23, 25; 22:5*)!

But the wicked will be in great agony in the black mist of darkness forever, for there will be no light in hell at all (*2Peter 2:4, 17; Jude 1:13*)!

They Who Loved Darkness Will Have Their Fill!

Proverbs 7:10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

Strange Women Dress To Attract Men's Eyes.

Though sexual sin requires removing clothes, a whorish woman puts on clothes to get their attention first.

Then with the hook in their eyes, she can proceed with her flattery, kisses, and embracing (***Proverbs 7:11-21***).

Here the Holy Spirit, continues to warn against the horrible dangers, of the strange woman (***Proverbs 7:1-27***).

What is a harlot's attire? It is clothing designed and worn to attract men's eyes to a woman's body and excite, the lusts of the flesh for sexual sins.

It is accessories and apparel planned to maximize a woman's physical appearance for approval and attention of men.

It is a woman's effort at dressing to be as visually attractive as possible.

Woman, do you ever dress like a prostitute? You may not intend to do so, but **If** your clothes draw a man's attention to your body, then you are guilty of this wickedness. And you are an accomplice in the destruction of men's souls, even **If** you don't sleep with them.

If you think only prostitutes wear five-inch stiletto heels, fishnet hose, very short black leather skirts, and very tight, bright red sweaters, you prove ignorance of this subject!

Take note! The strange woman is subtle of heart. That means, she is very crafty and deceptive in her ways.

She does not come right out and say, "I am a whore, and I want you to sin with me." She is not so stupid, cheap, crass, and vile to dress like a street slut. She rather, wants to maintain a decent image, while securing the visual attention of men.

God made clothes to cover Adam and Eve. While they partially covered certain parts with aprons of fig leaves, the Lord covered them thoroughly with coats of skins (***Genesis 3:7, 21***)!

Clothes are to cover and conceal, not to uncover and reveal! And skin does not need to show to reveal a woman's figure that leads men's eyes and minds to sexual lust.

The clothing industry does not seek to cover women's bodies; but to flatter, reveal, and uncover.

Every year some new feature is designed to reveal more of her body in a more flattering way than before. Every Christian woman, should take care to be scrupulously modest in attire.

Since a woman cannot understand a man's mind, she must listen to men about lustful features of clothing, and avoid most of them.

Short skirts show too much leg; low blouses show too much chest. Everyone knows these clothing choices are wrong. Spandex and spaghetti straps, bare midriffs and low riders, and tight jeans and tube tops are also off limits for modest women.

But long skirts can show and tease as much or more by their slits, and straight or clingy skirts of any length reveal the hips and derriere too plainly.

High blouses made of sheer material can be worse than low blouses, and a turtleneck sweater can emphasize a woman's bosom more than most garments. Long sleeve sweaters can often be immodest.

High heels were not invented for comfort, but to alter the shape of the calves and the movement of the hips while walking. A mincing walk, is a wanton walk (***Isaiah 3:16***).

Sleeveless dresses, sandals with straps, lace and gauze overlays, ankle bracelets, and many other items should concern the consciences of women striving for public modesty.

Of course, most modern women will rebel at these limitations and restrictions on their apparel choices. But the women of just a few years ago would have thought these ideas to be very inadequate for proper modesty.

What is happening? Our nation is in moral freefall into the abyss of lascivious excess. True saints must seek for the strait gate and narrow way!

God, Who created the woman and invented sex, declared that a meek and quiet spirit is precious in His sight (***1Peter 3:3-4***)!

In God's sight? A gracious and godly woman is beautiful to watch, her soul and spirit are seen, rather than her body. A noble woman emphasizes holy conduct and a humble and gracious spirit over her hair, accessories, or an outfit. She will adorn herself first and foremost with holiness.

Scripture does not teach women to be frumpy, ugly, or neglected in their appearance. In fact, the virtuous woman was a looker! But she did it in such a way to please and honor the Lord and her husband (***Proverbs 31:10-12, 22, 30***). See the comments on ***Proverbs 31:22***.

Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Abigail, and other holy women were beautiful to look upon! Holiness is the priority that matters. A woman must emphasize a godly and gracious spirit over physical appearance.

Christian man, since sexual sin with a strange woman, begins with a look, there is safety only in avoiding her presence as much as possible.

You are foolishly sinful to choose places where women dress immodestly (*Romans 13:14*).

If you cannot totally avoid her presence, then avoid looking at her. Why get your lusts even started (*1John 2:16; James 1:13-16*)!

If you stay far away and avoid looking, at immodestly dressed women, the battle is nearly won!

If you are a husband and father, make sure your wife or daughters wear modest clothing, or you are an indirect accomplice to the horrible temptations of other men.

The saints of God should provide holy and modest companions and assemblies for one another, where sexual temptations by immodest attire are never part of the mix.

May the Lord Jesus Christ be praised by such pure and virtuous men and women!

Proverbs 7:11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:

Here are character traits of a whore, or an adulteress. All wise women will diligently avoid these traits, and All wise men will diligently avoid women with them.

Here is wisdom, buried in a lengthy description, of a strange woman seducing and destroying a young man.

This chapter primarily consists of a parable about a young man being tempted and taken by the strange woman (*Proverbs 7:6-23*).

Solomon, ever the wise father, uses it to impress upon his son and other children the dangers of this seductive creature (*Proverbs 7:1-5, 24-27*).

The whorish woman is generally a loud woman. She likes to talk; she talks a lot; and she talks loudly (*Proverbs 9:13*).

She is ready to give her opinion, even though she is usually ignorant of the subject matter, whether it was asked for or not.

If she receives any resistance, she just gets louder. She corrects anyone else speaking for little details that are irrelevant.

She likes to finish the sentences of others. You can hear her loudly correcting her children and husband. Verbal sparring delights her.

She is self-willed, headstrong, and wants to express her opinion.

She is forward and uncouth with her mouth, irritating and rude with her words, and contrary in her speech. You have heard her before. Avoid her!

The godly woman, who is far superior to the best whorish woman, has a meek and quiet spirit, which God Himself considers of great value (*1Peter 3:3-4*).

The godly woman, remembers her subordinate role; she is always gracious; kindness rules her mouth; she does not mind being silent (*Proverbs 11:16; 31:26; 1Corinthians 14:34-35*).

The godly woman, considers modesty and shamefacedness to be virtues (*1Timothy 2:9-10*).

When the godly woman, speaks, they are words others appreciate (*Proverbs 15:23; 24:26; 25:11*).

Christian woman, can you cut your words and volume in half? Is it possible? Such a simple change will dramatically increase your esteem by good men and women. Your reputation will grow with each reduction in number of words and decibels (*Proverbs 17:27-28*).

The whorish woman is generally a stubborn woman.

The whorish woman does not like to be told what to do.

The whorish woman wants to do things her way; she resents being accountable to anyone.

The whorish woman hates correction and instruction.

The whorish woman is self-willed and loves her opinions.

No matter, whether authority or affection is used to win her, she will resist until the matter meets her own approval. She will use tears, threats, emotion, or other responses to resist leadership of her husband and others.

The virtuous woman, who is far superior to the best whorish woman.

The virtuous woman, is cheerfully submissive and very willing to follow the leadership of her husband (*Ephesians 5:22-24; Colossians 3:18*).

The virtuous woman, does not balk, or contend with her husband. She knows she was created for him, and she knows she is to respect him (*1Corinthians 11:9; Ephesians 5:33; 1Peter 3:1-2*).

Christian woman, do you not know that stubbornness is a hateful trait in a woman? It truly makes her odious (*Proverbs 30:21-23*).

A contentious woman makes married life miserable (*Proverbs 12:4; 19:13; 21:9, 19; 25:24; 27:15-16*).

Cheerfully submit without answering again, and you will see an improvement, in how you are treated by husband, family, and others.

The whorish woman generally does not like to stay at home (*Proverbs 7:12*).

Domestic duties of serving a husband and children are boring, frustrating, and beneath her. She wants to be out and about in the city, attending this and that activity to the neglect of her high calling.

She is bored being a housewife; she gets claustrophobic; she loves to shop; she loves to leave her house. She is not content working at home to make her house and family the best.

The noble woman, who is far superior to the best whorish woman: She loves her domestic calling and cheerfully remains at home to manage the house and provide for her man and her children (*Proverbs 31:10-31; Genesis 18:9; 1Timothy 5:13-14; Titus 2:4-5*).

She understands her very significant role in supporting her husband and caring for the children.

Christian woman, will you make greater efforts this very day to be more quiet, submissive, and happy in your domestic duties?

You can build your house, your family and estate, by wisdom in these areas (*Proverbs 14:1*).

You can be great in the sight of God and men by rejecting the character traits of the strange woman.

Let every woman naming the name of Christ reject loudness, stubbornness, and a dislike of home life. Choose rather, to be a living example, of a meek and quiet spirit, submission and reverence to your husband, and the domestic queen of *Proverbs 31:10-31*.

You will rejoice in time to come, as God blesses your virtuous strength, with godly results and blessing (*Proverbs 31:25*).

Let every man avoid and reject women having wicked traits. Such women do not deserve this respected place in human society, and they especially do not deserve a husband to support and secure their wicked lives.

Young man, the choice is yours. But you will bear your own burden. Pursue gracious and virtuous women, and reject all others.

Proverbs 7:12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.

Can you identify a whorish woman? Solomon is in the midst of a parable about the seduction of a foolish young man (*Proverbs 7:6-23*).

Solomon spent much of the parable describing the spirit and conduct of an elegant whore (*Proverbs 7:10-20*).

These two verses are separated by parentheses to indicate these are particular characteristics to consider (*Proverbs 7:11-12*).

The woman here, is not a street prostitute or filthy slut. She is the adulterous wife, of a successful businessman (*Proverbs 7:19-20*).

The adulterous wife lives with her husband in a house (*Proverbs 7:8, 11*).

He has provided luxurious things for her, which the adulterous wife uses in her enticement (*Proverbs 7:16-17*).

She is a refined woman with religious activities to cover her treacherous heart and conduct (*Proverbs 7:14*).

The adulterous wife does not seek the young man's money: she wants to make passionate love (*Proverbs 7:15, 18*).

What can we learn about her, for men to avoid and women to reject? She doesn't like to stay at home! Solomon noted, "*Now she is without.*"

A whorish woman is not content to stay at home. Marital and domestic duties are not her desire. She looks for excuses to get out of the house.

She loves the excitement and freedom of being able to come and go as she pleases, especially dressed up. She is bored and frustrated to stay at home.

God made the woman to help her husband (*Genesis 2:18*).

She is a virtuous woman, though intelligent and capable of much more, prefers marital and domestic duties (*Proverbs 31:10-31*).

She is a committed keeper at home (*Titus 2:5*).

She knows the risks of being out (*1Timothy 5:11-15*).

When out of the home, she works for her husband or does charity (*Proverbs 31:14, 16, 20, 24*).

She knows there is nothing better for her than fulfilling her role well as wife and mother.

What can we learn about non-virtuous woman, for men to avoid and women to reject? She likes the popular places of public concourse! Solomon noted, "*Now in the streets.*"

A Non-Virtuous Woman Likes The Popular Things Of Life.

She is affected by fads, trends, and the glamorous lifestyle. She likes to get out where she can see the carnal activities of people.

She would rather eat out than at home, and doing so by herself or with female friends is even better!

A virtuous woman likes the comfort, security, and tranquility of home. She loves creating a cozy refuge from the world, where she can delight her husband and children with affection, creative dining, and home comforts.

She dislikes the worldly draw of the city, where sin and temptations abound. She prefers staying calmly dedicated to her family.

What can we learn about the non-virtuous woman, for men to avoid and women to reject?

She arranges to be where men will encounter her! Solomon noted, "*And lieth in wait at every corner.*"

She craves the attention and flattery of men, so she finds those events and places where many men can see her.

She Enjoys Being A Woman Among Men.

A virtuous woman is totally dedicated to her man. He safely trusts her, for she does not desire or seek attention from other men (*Proverbs 31:10-12*).

She is modest and shamefaced in public (*1Timothy 2:9-10*). But being with her husband, no matter what he is doing, is more appealing to her than being with other men.

She conducts herself in such a way to reduce or eliminate their compliments. Everyone knows she devotedly loves her husband only.

Christian man, it is your wisdom to avoid women, even **If** they are church members, who are discontented staying at home and prefer being out in public places of concourse. Do not honor the woman who likes to be out and about, for she may have a treacherous heart.

Christian woman, it is your duty to prefer the confines of home and the service of your husband and children. By staying at home and avoiding the world as much as

possible, you will deliver your soul from much marital discontentment and sexual temptation.

Furthermore Christian saint: your duty to stay at home in the old paths and not seek for new and exciting religious trends (*Jeremiah 6:16; 18:15*).

You have been espoused to one husband, even Jesus Christ the Lord (*2Corinthians 11:1-4*).

The religious whoremongers of carnal christianity are waiting to flatter and corrupt you. You need to stay at home, and be faithful, even unto death, and you will receive the crown of life (*James 1:12; Revelation 2:10*).

Proverbs 7:13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him,

Here is the strange woman at work. Solomon's lengthy description of a whorish woman seducing a young man continues.

Here we see three aspects of her character and conduct.

1. She was physically aggressive;
2. She uses kisses to seduce; and
3. She was immodestly and shamelessly bold. She caught him; she kissed him; and She spoke forwardly to him.

Virtuous women are physically aggressive, great kissers, and uninhibited, with their husbands in marriage!

But, to other men, and before marriage: they are reserved, they are modest, and they are shamefaced.

But the strange woman, the adulteress, pursues men outside marriage, kisses men outside marriage, and is immodestly and shamelessly bold outside marriage.

A godly woman is not physically aggressive before marriage, she is chaste, pure, and reserves herself totally for her husband (*2Corinthians 11:2*).

She is ready to be aggressive; she wants to be aggressive; but she understands the power of sexual temptation, and she will do nothing to arouse any man, even her fiancé.

Her father also understands, and he keeps her from being alone with a man for even the opportunity of sin, especially her fiancé.

However, once a godly woman is married, she is an aggressive lover, following the example of the Shulamite in Solomon's Song (*Song of Solomon 1:2-4, 12-14; 2:3-7; 3:1-5; 5:2-16; 8:1-4*).

What makes the difference? God's stamp of approval on marriage, where both spouses are faithful and fully satisfied (*Proverbs 5:19; 1Corinthians 7:1-5; Hebrews 13:4*)!

Whorish women are aggressive before marriage and outside marriage! In Solomon's parable, she physically caught, or grabbed, him. She was the aggressor, which is being glamorized daily for young girls by the entertainment industry.

Only a few men are strong enough to resist such aggression. Joseph was an exception (*Genesis 39:7-12*)! What can a man do?

Follow the Holy Spirit's advice and stay far away from them (*Proverbs 5:8; 7:8*)!

There are several kinds of kisses. A godly woman knows the differences, and she reserves the intimate ones for marriage.

Under cultural, spiritual, or other circumstances, she may kiss a variety of men and women with a saluting kiss of greeting.

Rachel, and her father Laban, both kissed Jacob this way, which is referred to by Paul as a holy kiss, for its total lack of even a hint of sexual intent (*Genesis 29:11, 13; Romans 16:16; 2Corinthians 13:12*).

Real kisses are for marriage, they are part of lovemaking. They can be more intimate and personal than other sex acts, as they involve such close proximity of faces, eyes, and mouths.

The Shulamite gloried in the kisses of lovemaking with her husband (*Song of Solomon 1:2; 5:16; 7:9*). But she knew better than to ever give such an intimate and personal invitation to any other man.

Whorish women use kisses before marriage and outside marriage to arouse men and invite them to lovemaking, when they have no right to do so. Whores, by much practice, can raise a man's sexual drive sky high by kissing.

Virtuous girls, ignorant and inexperienced, send a very wrong impression by allowing an intimate kiss before marriage. Solomon's strange woman, a whore with malicious designs, initiated the kiss herself to seduce her victim.

Why kiss intimately before marriage? What is the purpose? Does it help qualify the other person? Does it help keep your relationship pure until it is sanctified by marriage? Does it provoke a strong temptation in the mind and body that seeks for full lovemaking?

Why create such a horrible predicament? Why increase sexual tension and frustration before marriage?

You can learn more about the other person with mature chaperones! Also, memory of other kisses, enjoyed without the difficulties of married life, may haunt your soul in the future.

Why not limit your experience and pleasure of kissing to the one to whom you are married, after you are married?

Is this bizarre and strange to you? Holiness is strange in the 21st century!

**Remember Young Man, The Girl Who
Aggressively Kisses You Early
Will Easily Kiss Another Later
Even If Married To You!**

Fathers are responsible to keep daughters from situations where kissing and other stages of foreplay are possible.

There is no reason for a dating couple to ever be alone. What is the purpose or value? There is nothing learned by being alone that cannot be learned in a fraction of that time with helpful chaperones.

Girls should be taught the glory and joy of marriage and the lovemaking that is part of it, but they should not have to face those difficult moments alone with a man, when passions are high, even if it is their fiancé.

A virtuous girl or woman is bashful, chaste, modest, and reserved in speech with any man, or even her fiancé, before marriage.

Bold sexual speech is another way men are aroused, as proven by the billions generated in 900# calling and Internet chat rooms.

Girls intending to please their heavenly Father and show kind regard to men, especially their fiancé, will reserve all sexual conversation to one man, and that only after marriage.

Whorish women have no modesty or reserve, and by previous loss of God-given inhibitions, they are very bold in verbal sexual situations. They do not blush (*Jeremiah 3:3*).

The strange woman boldly described the sexual pleasure she was able and willing to give the young fool (*Proverbs 7:14-21*).

The flattering speech of a strange woman is overpowering (*Proverbs 2:16; 5:3; 6:24; 7:5; 22:14*). Just ask Samson!

What should a wise man do? Same answer as before! Stay away from her! Far away from her!

If you are far from her, how can she grab you, kiss you, or talk to you?

If you do not go near her, her haunts, or her activities, you will never face these powerful temptations that destroy many strong men (*Proverbs 7:26; 23:28*).

Stay away from coed gyms, nightclubs, personal email exchanges, office parties, Internet chat rooms, dances, beaches, or close relationships or frequent conversations with any woman but your wife.

Proverbs 7:14 I have peace offerings with me; this day have I paid my vows.

Whorish Women Can Be Religious.

They can even be found at church. Here Solomon described a strange woman, a whore, prostitute, or adulteress.

She seduced her young victim by telling him of her religious activities: she is a good woman with high standards, including religious attendance; and she has the best of her sacrifices for them to share together.

Peace offerings were split between worshipper and priest. Since the sacrificed item was perfect, the food resulting from it was of the highest quality (*Proverbs 17:1; Leviticus 3:6; 22:21*).

This would have been equivalent to USDA Prime-plus! The part remaining with the worshipper was often shared with friends or used for feasts (*Leviticus 7:15-16; 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 12:6-7*).

Peace offerings were voluntary offerings to give thanks or pay vows (*Leviticus 19:5*).

So even a whore can have a form of religion, which serves selfish ends. It may sooth her vexed conscience; it may disguise her illicit activities with a show of religion; and it may assist her seduction of a virtuous young man. And it may serve all three! (*Proverbs 6:26*)

The strange woman in Solomon's extended parable is no common street slut. She is a fine woman with financial means, of noble reputation, and good taste. She offered to share a joyful religious celebration with the young man.

The Preacher did his best, to warn his son, that a whorish woman can change her conduct to seduce the most astute young men (*Proverbs 5:6; Ecclesiastes 7:26*).

Here is a powerful seductress, an elegant and fine woman with character and spirituality to enhance her love and lovemaking.

Men fear prostitutes for their cold hearts, obvious financial motive, likelihood of disease, lack of

cleanliness, frequency of use, legal risk, and impersonal performance.

The Holy Spirit Knows How To Get To The Heart Of A Matter!

What a fine invitation! She had no ulterior financial motive, for she provided the fare! She was a sensitive and sincere woman well received in the better circles of her city! She had much fine food, and her only ambition appeared a need for company. "Come," she said, "I need you to complete this wonderful day and enjoy life's fine things with me."

Young man! Wake up! Open your eyes! Behind her invitation is a snare to take you down to death and hell (*Proverbs 7:27*)!

Once in the hold of her lascivious arms and under the spell of her flattering lips, you are lost without hope of recovery (*Proverbs 5:22; 22:14; 23:27*). Stay away!

Proverbs 7:15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

When a whorish woman speaks. Her words sound precious. She describes her passion, her efforts, and success at finding her lover. She romantically seduces him away from his conscience and training.

She flatters him with eager desire, and he falls for it as easily and quickly as a bird flies into a trap. She knows how to kiss and flatter her prey into the numbing nightmare of false love.

Any woman other than your wife can be the strange woman.

And she is the strange woman, and an enemy, if she does anything to excite or invite your lusts for intimacy with her. Her kisses or words are a lie, for they tell of affection and pleasure, where there is only hatred and pain. Do not get near her kisses, and do not listen to her words.

The Holy Spirit uses this chapter to warn against the strange woman. He describes: her seduction in detail: her subtle character, her romantic actions, her flattering words, and her careful precautions (*Proverbs 7:10-21*).

As the perfect example of a wise father, Solomon takes pains to warn his son against one of the most dangerous temptations in life, the whorish women.

Solomon's extensive experience with women, 700 wives and 300 concubines, gives him a unique advantage (*1Kings 11:3*).

Solomon warns often of the appeal and power of a woman's flattering speech (*Proverbs 2:16; 5:3; 6:24; 7:5, 21*).

This is a preview of some of the very Words, her flattering expressions of ardent passion and fervent love for her victim!

Let every man tremble in fear of this enemy! Joseph ran from a seductive whore, even though it landed him in prison (*Genesis 39:7-20*).

Samson listened to the enticing lies, and it cost him his hair, his eyes and his life (*Judges 16:4-21*)! See the comments on *Proverbs 7:18*.

**Safety Is Simple
Avoid Desirable Women
You Have Not Married**

Reject any words or correspondence that even hint of affection, and end the relationship immediately.

Remember that kisses and flattery from other than a wife are simply an alluring guise for your destruction, no matter whether they were given in malice or ignorance.

Christian wife, **If** you starve your husband of flattering affection and praise, you will be an accomplice in his adultery, for you make him vulnerable to the thing that other women know to give!

When was the last time you praised his good features of appearance and character (*Song of Solomon 5:9-16*)?

Even Paul encouraged it (*1Corinthians 7:3*). See the comments on *Proverbs 5:3*.

The warning here extends to belly worshippers and compromisers, (Christians with a form of godliness, but not living true and holy lives).

Their good words and fair speeches deceive the simple, just as the whorish woman deceives the young man. So Paul warns to mark and avoid all such persons (*Romans 16:17-18; Philipians 3:17-20; 1Timothy 6:3-5*).

Remember, the kisses and words of an enemy are deceitful (*Proverbs 27:6; 26:24-28*).

Their lives are false, so it is no surprise their words and affection are false (*Psalms 28:3; 55:21*).

As with the harlot, their hearts are subtle; they have compromised truth and integrity in their souls, so their words are compromising as well. (*Proverbs 7:10*)

Their great swelling words of vanity are just so much lying foam. Judge them by their lives! (*2Peter 2:18; Jude 1:16*)

When they say, "It is so good to see you," what in the world do they mean? Instead of talking about good, they ought to be doing good, by either joining in your good worship of God or correcting worship so it might be good!

True love is found only in Jesus Christ and exists only in truth (*1Corinthians 13:4-7; Philipians 1:9-11; 1John 4:7-13*).

It is amazing how often big smiles, warm greetings, affectionate hugs, and tearful eyes are totally lacking anything about Jesus Christ or His gospel! What is this friendliness? It is the lying deceit of self-deceived men, who have chosen the love of pleasure over the love of God (*2Timothy 3:4, 13*).

Beware of their kisses and words (*Proverbs 27:6*)!

Is it any wonder that David prayed twice in one psalm to be delivered from strange children, false brethren, whose mouths speak vanity and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood (*Psalms 144:7-8, 11*)?

David prayed for deliverance from such flattering men that he might enjoy the blessings of God upon his family (*Psalms 144:12-15*)!

False churches follow the same course. They use the deceit learned from their father (*John 8:44*).

They pretend to be just men, apostles of Christ and ministers of righteousness, but they are ravaging wolves (*Matthew 7:15; Luke 20:20-22; Acts 20:29-30; 2Corinthians 11:13-15*).

As a whore will seduce a man for his money, so these churches make merchandise of simple saints by their feigned words (*2Peter 2:3*).

Proverbs 7:16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.

A beautiful bed is part of seducing a man. Good wives will pay attention. Wise men will take warning.

The adulteress of Solomon's parable about the seduction of a young man described the efforts she made to give him the ultimate in sensual pleasure (*Proverbs 7:6-23*).

**How Beautiful The Bed
A Deceitful Lie
Death And Hell Hiding In It!**

Solomon knew men. He understood their temptations. He had seen the trouble caused by his father's polygamy and adultery.

Solomon knew the wiles of women. He himself had 700 wives and 300 concubines (*1Kings 11:1-3*).

Solomon concluded about all of them that a wise man would stay away from them (*Ecclesiastes 7:26-29*).

Solomon Never Found The Virtuous Woman!

As both the caring father of a son and the Preacher of Israel, he repeatedly warned young men against the danger of whorish women and fornication (*Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-23; 6:20-35; 7:1-27; 9:13-18; 22:14; 23:26-28; 30:20; 31:3*).

Here Solomon developed a lengthy parable, describing the destruction of a young man, by the wiles of a seducing adulteress (*Proverbs 7:6-23*).

A skilful seductress knows that men are easily moved by sight. Solomon warned about the danger of her beauty and the gazes of her eyes (*Proverbs 6:25*).

It was the sight of a woman that had cost his father dearly (*2Samuel 11:1-5*).

This adulteress prepared her bed to attract her victim by its appearance (*Proverbs 7:16*) and by its scent (*Proverbs 7:17*). The young fool was helpless before her.

The only protection against such a woman is to stay far away, where you cannot see or hear her (*Proverbs 2:16; 4:14-15; 5:8; 7:8*).

If You Get Near Her You Cannot Resist Her!

It is folly for men to allow any visual stimulus of women, no matter how innocent or practical.

Jesus said to pluck out your right eye or cut off your right hand in such matters (*Matthew 5:27-30*).

Her bed is covered with tapestries, quite the bedspread, skirts, and canopy! The headboard, footboard, and posts have beautiful carvings! The sheets, the cursed sheets, are fine linen imported from Egypt!

The mere mention of the place of sexual intimacy captured the fool's heart, and the elaborate beauty further weakened him. He went as an ox to the slaughter, or as a bird to the snare, not knowing it was for his life (*Proverbs 7:22-23*).

Godly and noble wives can learn here, they can learn to beautify their beds for the pleasure of their husbands. Why should adulteresses be the only ones that know how to exalt lovemaking and enhance their appeal to a man?

The virtuous woman knew these arts (*Proverbs 31:22*)!

Can you build a simple canopy? Replace your flannel sheets with satin? Buy a new and exotic looking bedspread? Be a sensual and erotic woman for your husband!

There is a worse whore that decorates a more dangerous bed, one for spiritual adultery. False churches do the same things. They decorate their churches with carved works, tapestries, and fine linen to seduce fools into spiritual fornication with her abominable doctrines and traditions (*Revelation 17:1-6*).

The false church is easy to identify, she was the city reigning over kings in John's day (*Revelation 17:18*)!

A wise man will reject a deceitful bed for spiritual fornication. He will find the bride of Christ, a simple church of faith and order, adorned with the LORD Jesus' righteousness, mission minded and living in total humility and subjection to Scripture as final authority.

Our Lord will join sincere saints there, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus (*Revelation 12:17*).

Proverbs 7:17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

The strange woman is thorough in her seduction, as Solomon continues his parable of a young man being taken to hell by her feminine wiles. She leaves nothing to chance. She is an expert in womanly arts, and she prepares a sensory overload to capture her prey.

The parable runs long in its details of how a skilled whorish woman seduces a young victim (*Proverbs 7:6-23*).

Solomon graphically describes the seduction and conquest in order to get his son's attention (*Proverbs 7:1-5, 24-25*).

Solomon adequately represent the power of the temptation (*Proverbs 7:21-22, 26*).

Solomon taught the hidden horror of the consequences of this sin (*Proverbs 7:23, 27*).

And in this single and short verse Solomon continues a description of her specially prepared bed (*Proverbs 7:16-17*).

A perfumed bed is an erotic addition to lovemaking.

Myrrh, a gum-resin from several species of plants used for perfume and incense, it has a "deep and haunting" smell.

Aloes, the fragrant resin or wood of the Agalloch, has a sweet, woody, fruity aroma.

Cinnamon, a spice that we westerners know well, has a sweet, woody smell. Combined, with an olfactory impression would be great.

The Holy Spirit deals with sex and sin differently than many Christian parents. They prudishly blush and cringe at graphic descriptions like our parable. They would never talk about such things or in such a way to their children!

The results of this distortion are painful, the children know their parents are out of touch with reality: they will not confide in their parents, they are unprepared for the world's temptations, and they enter marriage with enough ignorance and confusion to perpetuate sexual dysfunction for another generation.

Parent, let the Holy Scriptures be your guide, and lean not to your own understanding or upbringing (*Proverbs 3:5-6*).

Christian man, the Holy Spirit inspired this Proverb.

Solomon shows great love and concern for his son and the horrible danger of fornication and adultery. It is the wisdom of God to deal with these matters openly, plainly, and powerfully.

Christian woman, this man Solomon was an expert on women. Here he shows the arts of a very seductive woman.

A wife grasping some of the wisdom here and in his *Song of Solomon* will help keep her husband from wondering and wandering.

A mother displaying some of the wisdom here, and in his *Song of Solomon*, to her husband will earn the confidence of her children and provide an example to them of a godly wife.

Sadly, many Christian wives cannot comprehend, or have rebelled against, being seductive and feminine in marriage.

Decorating and perfuming the bed were additional tools of capturing all the senses of a man (*Proverbs 7:16-17*).

Simple smells can resurrect ancient memories. The perfect wife in Solomon's Song perfumed herself and her garments (*Song of Solomon 1:12-13; 4:10-15; 5:5*).

Now you listen, son. The olfactory pleasure of this whorish woman and her offered intimacy is great, very great. The aromatic pleasure, coupled with the delight of the other senses, has stolen the hearts and minds of many men. Your nose will powerfully tell you that this hot, perfumed, womanly creature and her bed offer great pleasure.

Have you smelled death before? Have you had a good whiff of hell? Have you smelled the sweat of fear? Have you discovered the scent of a polluted conscience?

These are the horrible smells that the morning light will bring! Plug your nose now, and run from her!

She lies! Her bed lies! She is disguising the smell of death and hell that are hiding there. Plug your nose now, and run from her! (*Proverbs 7:27*)!

If you get close enough to this woman to feel the perfumed heat emanating from her body and smell her fragrance, you have chosen the death of a fool!

You are playing Russian roulette with all the chambers loaded! Plug your nose now, and run from her! Your only true safety is staying far away from her (*Proverbs 4:14-15; 5:8; Matthew 5:29-30; Romans 13:14*).

The Lord Jesus Christ, described gloriously by the psalmist in, comes forth as the royal bridegroom in garments smelling of myrrh, aloes, and cassia (*Psalms 45:8*).

The pleasant aroma is for the comfort and pleasure of His people, who are chosen as His everlasting bride. Is the Lord Jesus Christ precious to you today, son?

Proverbs 7:18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.

Here are the enticing Words of a strange woman, lying Words of a whore, damning Words of hell and death (*Proverbs 5:5; 7:27; 9:18*).

These are the Words of Potiphar's wife, Delilah, Jezebel, Cleopatra, Monica, and other wicked women. Hate these words! See the lies! Feel the painful consequences (*Proverbs 5:4-5, 9-11*)!

Know the mouth speaking them is a deep ditch (*Proverbs 23:27*)!

**Prepare Against Her
For When You Hear Her Words
It Will Be Too Late!**

Such Words have destroyed many strong men, for flattering attention from a strange woman is a powerful attraction (*Proverbs 2:16; 5:3; 6:24; 7:5, 21*).

How can a man resist the affectionate invitation and passionate desire for intimate pleasures coming from a beautiful and confident woman (*Proverbs 6:13-17*)?

He is as powerless before her, as Samson proves so clearly (*Judges 16:4-21*).

Son, this is an invitation to a life of hell! Make my warning dear to your soul, and stay far from her (**Proverbs 7:1-5**).

Purpose in your heart now to reject and hate her ways. Despise these Words and any woman who speaks them. Flee! Save yourself!

Consider the lies, for they are many. She says, "Come," but her heart is not with you (**Proverbs 23:6-8**). She has no commitment; she doesn't truly want you; she is just using you (**Proverbs 6:26**).

When Potiphar's wife said, "Lie with me" (**Genesis 39:7, 12**), Joseph knew to rebuke her wickedness and then to run from her with no regard for propriety or safety.

She says, "Let us take our fill." Yet there is no satisfaction or fulfillment. Sin never satisfies the soul, especially the soul of the righteous (**Ecclesiastes 5:10**).

You will not find the pleasure you imagine!

Amnon hated Tamar more than he had loved her, when the much-anticipated moment was over.

Samson woke from tender arms to find darkness and weakness. The good man will eventually return, and then what shall become of the young man (**Proverbs 7:19-20**)?

He will find the emptiness of death, and soul destruction (**Proverbs 6:26-33**).

She calls it "love." And she and others like her speak and sing of it constantly. What can possibly be wrong with love? With love especially this tender and pleasant?

But it is only lust, for love requires truth, righteousness, and commitment (**1Corinthians 13:4-7; Song of Solomon 8:6-8**).

Love desires the best for its object, not for itself; and a woman giving herself outside marriage is selfishly damning your soul to destruction.

She says, "Until the morning." But will the night be without guilt and fear? And what will the morning bring? Pleasant peace and joy? No!

The pleasures of sin are only for a season (**Hebrews 11:25**), and in sexual sins the season is shorter than most!

But what will morning bring? It will bring guilt, fear, confusion, doubts, and frustration. Hate the night!

She says, "Let us solace ourselves with loves." There is no solace, no comfort or pleasure, for your guilt-

stricken and fear-filled soul will devour you with pain and regret, even as you try to enjoy her tender embrace, as Samson discovered so painfully.

There is no consolation or cheer with the uncertainty and guilt of a strange woman. What solace is there in walking on coals? Or taking fire in your bosom (**Proverbs 6:27-28**)?

SON, SHE LIES!

She does not truly want you; she does not love you; she cannot satisfy your heart;

Short-term pleasure is no pleasure at all; and your soul will punish you far more than any pleasure she can give. You will give your virtue and boldness away, and all you will have for it is guilt, fear, shame, and regret. She lies!

Destroy her power by taking this instruction to heart and making them the most important rules of your life today (**Proverbs 7:1-3**).

Make wisdom your favorite woman and constant companion, rather than the strange woman (**Proverbs 7:4-5**).

Avoid places where whorish woman lives and works (**Proverbs 4:15; 5:8; 7:8; Romans 13:14**). And run from her at full speed (**2Timothy 2:22**).

Young woman, men lie as well!

Good men will pursue you through your father, and they will gladly wait for marriage. Reject any words of "love," until he has promised before many to be your committed husband for life.

Many girls have given away what they cannot get back for the simple words, "I love you." But he lies!

If a man will steal such a treasure from you before marriage, he is no better than Amnon, and the results will often be no different (**2Samuel 13:1-17**).

He will not love you in the morning. Run to your father, and be safe! Don't hear or speak of love, until your father has approved marriage.

Let us be faithful to our Lord, the true Lover of our souls, He Who is True and Faithful, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 7:19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey:

The treacherous seductress, in Solomon's drama of the ruin of a young man by adultery (**Proverbs 6-23**).

She entices her victim by promising safety for their secret liaison. Lying no less than Satan to Eve, she tells him no harm will come, for the man is long gone. Lying no less than Delilah to Samson.

The older English word "*goodman*" means the master or male head of a household or other establishment, a householder in relation to his wife, a husband.

The sly woman speaks of her husband distantly and disrespectfully (*Proverbs 2:17*), to keep both consciences silent from thinking of her innocent husband, her lover from her youth.

Using male pronouns like "*he*" and "*him*" to slight her diligent husband (*Proverbs 19-20*), she suggests her own bed as a safe place for the rendezvous (*Proverbs 16-17*).

She offers much time for great lovemaking, as he will be gone a good while (*Proverbs 7:19-20*). See the comments on *Proverbs 7:18*.

It is wisdom from heaven for women to maintain the reverence of Sarah (*1Peter 3:5-6*).

She further speaks of her husband's long journey, and implies frequent business trips by it, to solicit sympathy from the fool that she is lonely and needs his love and affection.

Our nation now entertains with such intrigues by songs, novels, and movies. Adultery is epidemic and even encouraged by some psychologists for a woman to find her true heart and potential. But what does the LORD say about such immoral and wicked activities?

In our world, such a story as this would be a great plot for a movie or novel, and this woman would be the heroine.

All would enjoy her arts of beguiling the young man; her conquest would be celebrated as the triumph of love; the drama would conclude pleasantly; and most young men that saw or read it would desire to be so lucky. Thus fools make a mock at sin (*Proverbs 14:9*).

Thus Satan sells his poison (*Psalms 101:3*).

But what does the LORD say? He condemns both parties to death (*Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22-24; 2Samuel 12:13; John 8:5*).

What if both were consenting? It is a sin worthy of death (*Hebrews 13:4; Revelation 21:8*)!

A husband in Old Testament Israel returning from a business trip could take his wife to the priests for the test of jealousy, with no need for circumstantial evidence. **If** she were guilty of sexual infidelity, her belly would swell and her genitals would rot (*Numbers 5:11-31*).

Business trips are often more dangerous for men, for there are many temptations in a fine hotel far from home, with much time, luxurious food and wine, and anonymity.

Let every man that names the name of Christ limit his travels and keep his vessel clean (*1Thessalonians 4:1-8*).

To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Let Joseph be your example (*Genesis 39:7-12*).

Keep your marital separations to a minimum. Separation only makes the heart grow fonder, **If** both parties are godly and the separation necessary.

Otherwise, spouses have daily lovemaking obligations, and unnecessary separations become covenant breaking and defrauding and give sexual place to Satan (*1Corinthians 7:1-5*).

A virtuous woman can always be trusted, no matter where she is (*Proverbs 31:10-12*).

Yet to be safe, women should limit and guard their time away from home (*Proverbs 7:11-12; 1Timothy 5:12-15*), for the woman is also an easy target for seduction (*Proverbs 30:19-20; Genesis 3:1-6; 1Timothy 2:14; 1Peter 3:7*).

She can help herself much by staying busy at home (*Proverbs 31:13-27; Titus 2:3-5*).

And she must have fulfilling and frequent lovemaking with her husband (*1Corinthians 7:1-5*).

Though a husband leaves for a long business trip, the eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil wife and the good wife, and be sure her sin will find her out (*Proverbs 15:3; Numbers 32:23*).

The husband far from home should remember that God watches his sexual intentions and actions carefully (*Proverbs 5:21; Job 34:22; Jeremiah 23:24; Hebrews 4:13*).

Our "*Goodman*" will soon return, the Lord of glory, our bridegroom (*Matthew 24:42-51; Mark 13:34-37; 1Thessalonians 3:13; 5:1-10; 2Peter 3:9-17*).

Will He find you waiting in adoring purity and faithfulness? Or in bed with the world (*James 4:4*)?

Proverbs 7:20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.

Can you commit adultery and not get caught? Fools think they can! Here are the Words of an adulteress

seducing her victim to let down his guard and sin sexually with her.

Solomon is in the middle of a parable about the seduction of a young man (*Proverbs 7:6-23*). He knew he must teach his son the folly of thinking he could get away with sexual sins.

Adulteresses fear angry husbands. Adulterers fear angry husbands as well. So the whore in Solomon's parable promises the young man total safety in entering her house and bed (*Proverbs 7:18-21*).

Her husband was gone on a distant business trip, and since he had a large expense account, he would surely not come home before he was expected.

What a lie! The LORD looks out for husbands, because He made the woman for him (*Numbers 5:11-31*).

But God has spoken! "*Be sure your sin will find you out*" (*Numbers 32:23*).

You cannot go far enough; you cannot make it dark enough; you cannot disguise yourself enough; you cannot lie enough.

If You Violate God's Law You Will Suffer For It

If men do not directly discover your sin, God Himself is fully aware of it and will judge accordingly.

Do not let others deceive you about not getting caught. And do not lie to yourself about not getting caught. "*The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good*" (*Proverbs 15:3*).

And He takes particular notice of sexual sins. "*For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings*" (*Proverbs 5:21*).

Discontented wife, remember that the LORD is the God of the test of jealousy for wives (*Numbers 5:11-31*).

Reuben was sure he could sneak a rendezvous with his father's wife (*Genesis 35:22; 49:4*).

Judah thought he could visit a prostitute in the country and get away with it (*Genesis 38:12-26*).

Samson was sure he could fornicate with Philistine whores and survive.

David was confident he had covered his adultery, but it was exposed to God and Israel (*2Samuel 12:7*).

Fool! Can you sneak a peak in a magazine or Internet sight and not get caught? No, you cannot! The moment you taste the forbidden fruit, your conscience catches you, the Spirit is grieved and quenched, and you are hardened by the deceitfulness of sin to scorn warnings

and pursue sin further (*John 8:9; Ephesians 4:30; 1Thessalonians 5:19; Hebrews 3:12-13*).

Your wife is no longer as attractive as she was last night. You are filled with frustration by looking without fulfillment.

The Word of God is dull and closed to you. Worshipping God becomes a burden. Your mind plays with the images and craves to see them again. You sneak around like a thief to get your next peak.

You call this getting away with it? Unable to resist the temptation, you repeat the sin. Shortly you need more graphic images. Frustration builds higher. Your wife is no longer attractive at all. Your ability to perform begins to slip. You are deeply backslidden!

Spiritual things are of no interest. You are trapped in a downward spiral of sexual sin and soul destruction (*Proverbs 5:22-23*).

And the Destroyer whispers to your foolish soul that you are getting away with looking at naked women, just because no one has caught you red handed!

What folly! What a lie! You are totally caught! You are a bond slave! And there is no one to deliver you! You are an alien from God, your wife, and your own new man! You are a walking dead man!

This is the best-case scenario, because the evidence indicates that you do not have a new man (born again)!

Can you watch faithless romance on television with your family and get away with it? Not a chance! The combination of beautiful models, expensive sets, feigned lovemaking, moving soundtracks, special lighting, slow motion close-ups, and numerous retakes work powerfully to captivate the open minds wanting a little relaxation!

What is watched on TV will catch you. You will light a fire in the hearts of your children and your own heart for something that does not exist, happiness with another person without God and Christ being first.

You will set in motion the craving for Hollywood romance that will frustrate your marriage and provoke your children to defy you and seek love among the world's pagans.

Do not listen to any person or any feeling that leads you to think you can get away with sin, especially sexual sin. Any person that makes this suggestion is a accomplice in your destruction, and such feelings in your heart are temptations from the devil himself.

**Think Rather Upon
The Rule From Heaven,
"Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out!"**

If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you are His bride (*2Corinthians 11:1-2*).

Jesus Christ, has gone on a far journey, He is coming again (*Mark 13:34*).

Jesus Christ, is an extremely jealous Husband (*Exodus 34:14*)!

Jesus Christ, considers even friendship with the world to be spiritual adultery (*James 4:4*)!

Jesus Christ, considers a carnally minded virgin not worthy of Him (*Matthew 25:1-13*).

Are you watching, waiting, and looking for His coming with eager anticipation (*Titus 2:13-14*)?

Proverbs 7:21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

Women can overpower men, by beauty and flattery (*Proverbs 6:24-25; 7:26; Ecclesiastes 7:26*)!

The warning here is about the flattery of a strange woman. It is so powerful, she "caused him to yield" and "forced him" into sexual sin.

Solomon's parable about a whorish woman seducing a young fool includes this summary of her speech in overpowering him. Wicked women love this power for evil; virtuous women use it for their husbands' pleasure and praise.

Of course, in our perverse world, no matter how a woman dresses or acts, it is always the man's fault for any sexual improprieties.

Sexual harassment occurs in only one direction in our ignorant nation. But the LORD and Solomon warned about women seducing and forcing men, and they were right: whorish women create more sexual danger than lewd men (*Proverbs 23:27-28*).

Women are naturally protected by stronger inhibitions, nature, families, laws, and social decorum.

**What Protects Men
From A Seductress?
Proverbs! God's Holy Word!**

Flattery is excessive praise used to seduce someone against their will. It is portraying a matter too favorably in order to make it more pleasant and to beguile the listener.

Men love the praise of a woman, for winning the favor and devotion of a woman is an instinctive drive placed in their heart and loins by their Creator. Evil women

manipulate this desire in men to prey on them in their scheming plans of seduction for various ends.

Whatever inhibitions a man has, by religion, parental training, or noble character, he will lose them under an enticing barrage of flattering speech from a desirable woman.

The adoration of a woman is an elixir that only a few exceptional men can resist, and then only by the grace of God. Joseph may have resisted Potiphar's wife, but he was an exception to the general rule of Scripture and human experience.

Solomon often warned his son about the smooth and silky words of a whorish seductress (*Proverbs 2:16; 5:3; 6:24; 7:5; 22:14*).

Wise men will take sober heed and avoid such women, before their lying words steal their souls and virtue. See the comments on *Proverbs 2:16; 5:3*.

But here the Holy Spirit has just described, in detail the verbal approach of a whorish woman seeking her victim; His summary in our Proverb states the case well. She forced the young man! (*Proverbs 7:13-20*)

Solomon described the whorish woman as prefacing her words with an embrace, a kiss, and a bold, uninhibited face (*Proverbs 7:13*). Then he provided a lengthy description of her much fair speech:

I am really a good girl: I am no whore: sleeping with me will not be sin (*Proverbs 7:14*).

I have made many preparations and have lots of things for a great time (*Proverbs 7:14*).

My motives are very noble in wanting to share my good time with you (*Proverbs 7:15*).

I have waited a long time and dreamed often of finding a man like you (*Proverbs 7:15*).

I am so glad I found you, because I do not want to be with anyone else (*Proverbs 7:15*).

It is so wonderful to be alone with you and feel the passion between us (*Proverbs 7:15*).

I have wanted to meet you for a long time; I have made preparations (*Proverbs 7:16*).

I have arranged things for the ultimate, perfect lovemaking between us (*Proverbs 7:16*).

I know special things you will love, that other boring women overlook (*Proverbs 7:17*).

I care about you more than any other woman, so I go to greater efforts (*Proverbs 7:17*).

We surely have a love between us that no one else has ever had before (*Proverbs 7:18*).

Let us fully experience the depths of this unique, special love we have (*Proverbs 7:18*).

No woman has ever felt as strongly about any man as I feel for you (*Proverbs 7:18*).

Our lovemaking will exceed all the lovemaking in the world's history (*Proverbs 7:18*).

The comfort and pleasure we can find in each other will be wonderful (*Proverbs 7:18*).

Our love and pleasure will last all night, and all our lives, forever (**Proverbs 7:18**).

Don't worry about any risk, for my old man is on a long business trip (**Proverbs 7:19**).

He loves business more than me: I need your love and body so much (**Proverbs 7:19**).

There is no risk of getting caught; I have figured everything out for us (**Proverbs 7:20**).

He has money, which he loves; we have love, his money cannot buy (**Proverbs 7:20**).

Young man, how strong was Samson? Was he stronger than any man? Indeed! But whores have slain many strong men (**Proverbs 7:26**)!

Delilah used words to destroy him, even though he knew she wanted to destroy him! Why couldn't he resist her?

Because flattering words from a beautiful woman are too much for most men! Read about Samson's helplessness before her manipulating flattery (**Judges 16:4-21**).

Young man, how wise was Solomon? Was he wiser than any man before or after him? Indeed he was! But whores have cast down and wounded many men (**Proverbs 7:26**)!

And outlandish women caused him to sin, against the advice of his very own Proverbs (**Nehemiah 13:26**)!

He described their crafty wiles as a horrible danger and evil (**Ecclesiastes 7:26**).

In avoiding the dangerous flattery of women, you must also guard against seducing words in notes, emails, cards, chat rooms, telephone messages, letters, codes, and other forms of correspondence.

We can communicate with others more easily today than ever before, and wisdom demands you to be careful in all these new dangers of the 21st Century.

Christian woman, limit your speech to men other than your father or husband. Be sober. Hate flirting or flattery. While praise is a wonderful thing, it is too powerful for you to give to other men other than your husband and then only on rare occasions and with great discretion.

You should learn to use kind words and feminine praise of your father and husband, for it can build a man's soul and character to be the strong and noble creature God intended him to be.

The subtle and damning nature of flattery is seen also in false religion, where good words and fair speeches are used to deceive the hearts of the simple and sell false doctrine (**Romans 16:17-18; 2Corinthians 2:17; 11:3-4, 13-15; Colossians 2:4; 2Peter 2:3,18**).

What is the protection? Look for the plain and simple Churches of Jesus Christ with straightforward preaching of the Word of God. Look for ministers who provide all things direct and honest (**2Corinthians 4:2**).

Proverbs 7:22 *He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;*

When is a man as dumb as an ox? As stupid as a repeat offender going to prison? When he gives attention to a whorish woman! He is going down!

A man foolish and weak enough to play with a whore will be destroyed as surely as an ox at the slaughterhouse. He plows ahead, not knowing it is for his life (**Proverbs 7:23**).

He cannot resist her. The draw is too great. Her appeal is too powerful. He follows her straight to hell (**Proverbs 7:27**).

A strange woman, a woman that does not belong to you, is a dangerous attraction. She stupefies the mind and silences the soul.

A man will follow her straightway, directly and quickly, without proper consideration. As an ox moves into a chute for slaughter, it thinks green pastures are ahead.

A fool does not fear and cannot learn, so he continues his crimes, each time thinking he will escape justice. How gravely they are both mistaken!

Solomon taught his son wisdom and prepared him for success in life. He included many warnings about the strange woman (**Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-23; 6:23-35; 7:1-27; 9:13-18; 22:14; 23:27-28; 30:20**).

He knew he had to warn him about loose women that would draw him into adultery by their clothing, flattery, and kisses. He used a lengthy parable to describe how she worked (**Proverbs 7:6-23**).

Solomon introduced his parable and concluded it with warnings (**Proverbs 7:1-5, 24-27**).

If a man gives a whorish woman an inch, she will destroy him (**Proverbs 7:21, 26; 23:28**).

She is far too pleasant for him to see the pain and death coming; she is far too deceitful and desirable for him to deliver himself (**Proverbs 5:6; 7:21; 9:18**).

The victim in Solomon's parable made his fatal mistake when he went near her house one dark night (**Proverbs 7:6-10**).

He should have stayed away! He should have despised thoughts of her! He should have stayed at home!

Women are stronger than men (*Proverbs 7:26*)!

Evil women use flattery, immodest clothing, flirting, frequent trips from home, casual touching, and verbal discontent about husbands and family to seduce other men.

A virtuous woman uses praise, submission, varied clothing at home, a toned body, calculated touching of her man, and verbal invitations to enjoy her husband in a happy marriage! See the *Song of Solomon 4:1-16; 7:1-9*!

The danger is too great! The consequences are too dire! The pleasure is too short, and it is spoiled with fear, guilt, shame, and trouble! Stay away from her!

If you look at her, you cannot resist her (*Proverbs 6:25*).

If you listen to her, she will force you with her words (*Proverbs 7:14-21*).

If you let her touch you, it is too much (*Proverbs 5:20; 7:13*).

There is only one sure rule for your safety, never go near her! Stay far away from a loose woman; have nothing to do with her; do not even allow a chance for sin (*Proverbs 5:15; 5:8; 6:27-28; 7:25; Romans 13:14*).

Is not Samson enough? He knew Delilah intended to destroy him. He knew it! But he kept playing with her! He could not resist her! He could not leave! He could not reject her!

And she won! She won easily! He lost! He lost terribly! A pagan Philistine whore defeated the world's strongest man! He was disgraced before all! He died like a blind animal, mocked and ridiculed by his enemies!

Are not Judah, David, Solomon, and others enough? Be content with your wife (*Proverbs 5:19-20; 1Corinthians 7:1-5; Hebrews 13:4*)!

Prostitutes in the red light district are not the threat! The men that go there are beyond hope!

The real threat is carnal Christian women that have compromised with the world and lost their inhibitions, modest clothing, contentment at home, and love of Christ.

The woman in Solomon's parable was a churchgoer of class and style (*Proverbs 7:14-18*).

But she was a wicked woman (*Proverbs 30:20; Numbers 5:11-31; Isaiah 3:16-26; Ezekiel 16:30-34*).

If you give any thought to, or allow any interaction with a flirting woman, you are headed straight for some sort of death (*Proverbs 2:18; 5:5; 7:27; 9:18*).

Yes, even the thought of foolishness is sin (*Proverbs 24:9*).

Fantasies and pornography are just as bad as literal adultery in the sight of God, and they will both set you up for slaughter and stocks without recovery (*Job 31:1,9-12; Matthew 5:27-28; 15:19; James 1:14-16*).

The best protection is a great relationship with your own wife (*Proverbs 5:19; Ecclesiastes 9:7-10; 1Corinthians 7:1-5; Hebrews 13:4*).

Proverbs 7:23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.

Casual Sex Will Kill You!

How many warnings by God will you ignore? Adultery, fornication, sodomy, whoremongering, and casual sex are deadly sins!

It does not matter that they appear innocent, that this wicked generation glamorizes them, or that they give short-term pleasure. They are capital offences that bring death! Reject the deceitful lies of this degenerate generation that propose casual sex as a great pleasure.

Darts through the liver were fatal! Before the perfection of archery and the advent of shotguns and rifles, darts were thrown or thrust as a means of killing wild game or enemies in battle (*2Samuel 18:14; 2Chronicles 32:5; Job 41:26, 29; Ephesians 6:16; Hebrews 12:20*).

The liver, being a very essential internal organ, is synecdoche for vital parts of the body. A well-placed dart piercing the liver or other vital organ of the body would produce death.

Also during this time, birds were captured by snares and then killed (*Psalms 124:7; Ecclesiastes 9:12*).

Birds do not fly slowly, so the image created by the simile is powerful. A bird, unaware of the snare and its ultimate purpose, swoops in unsuspectingly and is captured easily and killed.

The bird had no idea that death was hidden in the enticing bait. It had no idea that its freedom and life were going to be stolen by such an innocent looking situation.

The Holy Spirit through King Solomon, a wise and inspired father that feared for his son, knew that

THE LESSON IS NOT COMPLICATED!

whorish women: could corrupt his soul, destroy his reputation, ruin his reign, and violate the family tree.

So he was warned repeatedly of the danger of adulteresses (*Proverbs 2:16-19; 5:1-23; 6:20-35; 7:1-27; 9:13-18; 22:14; 23:27-28; 30:20; Ecclesiastes 7:26-29*).

Again Solomon exhorted him to be faithful to his wife and enjoy her body and legitimate children by her (*Proverbs 5:15-19*).

**Every Wise Father
Will Do The Same
By Warning His Children
Against Sexual Sins**

The context of this Proverb is a lengthy parable describing in detail the seduction of a foolish young man (*Proverbs 7:6-23*).

The Proverb before you is the conclusion, which Solomon then followed with an application and exhortation to his children (*Proverbs 7:24-27*).

The young man, bewitched by the appearance, flattery, and assurances of the seductress, went after her as ignorantly and willingly as an ox to the slaughter or a fool to prison (*Proverbs 7:22*).

The lesson is simple, but crucial. Casual sex, no matter how appealing, is fatal! The visual beauty, the flattering words, and the rush of lustful excitement are lies!

The stupid ox is about to be slaughtered; the stupid bird is about to be killed! **If** you even think about fornication or adultery, you are as stupid as both of them! Death is certain!

You cannot see clearly, because you have allowed your lusts to blind your eyes (*James 1:14-15*).

- Adultery corrupts the soul (*Proverbs 6:32*).
- Adultery condemns the conscience (*Proverbs 5:11-14*).
- Adultery ruins the reputation (*Proverbs 5:9; 6:30-33*).
- Adultery destroys confidence (*Proverbs 6:26*).
- Adultery steals your assets (*Proverbs 5:10*).
- Adultery enslaves the heart (*Proverbs 5:22*).
- Adultery destroys marriages and violates families (*Proverbs 5:17; Malachi 2:11-16*).
- Adultery is nearly impossible to end (*Proverbs 23:27-28*).
- Adultery can bring revengeful murder (*Proverbs 6:34-35*).
- Adultery can bring STD's.
- Adultery reduces sexual function.
- Adultery can bring capital punishment (*Leviticus 20:10*).

- Adultery brings God's judgment (*Hebrews 13:4*).
- And then adultery brings eternal hell for the unforgiven (*Revelation 21:8*).

But how much of this grave danger did the young man see? **None of it!** He saw her physical beauty that fired his desires through the lust of his eyes (*Proverbs 7:10*).

The young man felt her arms and kisses that fired his desires through the lust of the flesh (*Proverbs 7:13*).

And the young man was mesmerized by her words that stroked his pride of life (*Proverbs 7:21*).

The young man should have stayed away from her and never looked twice in her direction (*Romans 13:14; 1John 2:15-17*).

Son, you have three enemies that hate you and will tell you that fornication is not dangerous.

1. Your depraved heart, controlled by your lusts, will tell you that the warnings are the rantings of old fogies who know nothing about sex.
2. The world, by the direction of the devil, will glamorize, promote, and make it available to you by every means.
3. And Satan and his minions will whisper suggestive thoughts to your mind.

If you are ignorant or slothful about these enemies, they will take you down.

What is the cure? Write this Proverb and its warning of certain death, on your heart (*Proverbs 6:20-24; 7:1-5, 24-27*)!

Stay away from any and all temptations toward sexual sins, whether it is pornography from a magazine, a romance novel, the television, or the Internet.

Reject coed gyms, beaches, bars, office parties, chat rooms, or any place or activity where immoral or unclothed persons congregate.

Avoid even those virtuous persons, among friends, family, associates, or church members that are a temptation to your soul.

What is the cure? Marry a God-fearing spouse and work at a complete and satisfying relationship with him or her. Neither spouse in Solomon's Song was thinking of adultery! (*Proverbs 5:19; 1Corinthians 7:1-5*)

Delight in the long-term pleasures of a legitimate and loving family with many children (*Proverbs 5:15-18; Psalms 127:3-5; 128:1-4*).

Replace personal and private activities, that tend toward sin, with marital and family activities that promote virtue.

Is it too late for you? Are you already involved in this terrible sin? Has the dart already entered your liver? Has the snare already captured you for the kill?

Repent! Confess your sin! Admit your stupidity! Run from any further temptation as quickly and surely as Joseph ran from Potiphar's wife (*Genesis 39:12*)!

God can and will forgive (*Job 33:27-28; 1John 1:9*)!

God can and will honor you yet (*1Corinthians 6:9-11*)!

David was still God's favorite, even after his aggravated adultery and murder (*1Kings 15:1-5*)!

But you must repent and run now, this very minute, for you cannot count on conviction or even life tomorrow!

Proverbs 7:24 Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

What is a father for? To bring home the bacon? To protect the home at night against intruders? To play ball in the yard? To provide an allowance for candy and junk? To finance a college education?

The LORD declared fathers are to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (*Ephesians 6:4*).

What should a father teach? How to ride a bicycle? How to balance a checkbook? How to drive a car? God declared fathers are to teach the fear of the LORD and to keep the way of the LORD (*Psalms 34:11; Genesis 18:19*).

Because God declared that fearing God and keeping His commandments is the whole duty of man, this is his primary goal of teaching (*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Psalm 78:1-8*).

God condemns fornication, or sex outside marriage: *Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*

Solomon used this chapter to warn his son against the danger of whorish women. After introducing the subject (*Proverbs 7:1-5*).

Solomon wrote a lengthy parable of a foolish young man seduced to destruction by a strange woman (*Proverbs 7:6-23*).

Our Proverb begins his summary warning (*Proverbs 7:24-27*).

It is a shame most Christian fathers are not as open, practical, and realistic as Solomon, especially in this lascivious generation.

Rather than being prudish and silent about sexual temptations, fathers need to warn against them with every technique they can muster. The danger is great; the temptations are everywhere; young men need such fathers!

Solomon applied his parable by imploring his children to listen to him. Due to the subject matter, they were not infants or young children. Fathers know far more about these things than sons in their teens or twenties. He told his children to listen, pay attention. He used the horrible fate of the young man to show they needed this instruction and warning.

Do not be intimidated! Do not be ashamed! Do not be reluctant! Your sons face temptations of pornography, casual sex, and forward women. Be open, practical, and realistic. Bring the Word of God to bear on this important area of his life.

Compare Joseph and Samson. Describe the details that made Joseph greater than David.

Children! When your father, or mother, speaks to you about the sexual matters of life. Listen to them! Pay attention! You are still a simple youth void of understanding. Make it easy for them to teach you. Tell them your temptations. Thank them for talking. (*Proverbs 7:7*)

Your Father in heaven has taught you all things that pertain to life and godliness. Have you listened well? Do you pay attention? Have you carefully obeyed Him?

Proverbs 7:25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

Young man, you can defeat the strange woman: The most difficult and dangerous temptation for a man to endure in life by keeping these rules: guard your heart, and live virtuously.

Keep your heart above her sinful ways, and do not choose her immoral lifestyle. Here is wisdom to save your life from whores, who are everywhere today.

Solomon, as the wise father: warns his son (*Proverbs 7:1*) and warns his children (*Proverbs 7:24*), warns of the grave danger of being seduced by a whorish woman (*Proverbs 5-23*).

A strange woman is any woman you have not married, but especially a loose one. The temptation to men of such a woman is very powerful. It is irresistible, unless advance steps are taken to avoid her altogether.

Fornication and adultery are widespread and accepted today, with bolder and looser women than ever before.

They are everywhere, and our various media promote them at all times in attractive ways. A man cannot escape these today, as in times past, for Potiphar's wife is everywhere.

Warning here is of the utmost importance. For God will judge all whoremongers and adulterers (*Hebrews 13:4*).

To wait until after you have met her, talked to her, or embraced her, in the hope you will be a Joseph, is foolish and guarantees your destruction. Joseph never entertained such thoughts, for he had carefully guarded his heart and stayed away from her as he could.

Consider: Rule # 1 - guard your heart. Keep it above her sensual approach to life. (*Proverbs 4:23*)
Sin begins in the heart (*James 1:13-16*). **If** you have not thought of a sin or desired it, you will hardly do it.

Your heart wants to decline to her ways by its depraved nature from Adam (*Jeremiah 17:9*).

So you must keep your heart with all diligence. Exercise your heart in spiritual and noble directions; do not let it slip to her carnal and lascivious ways. (*Proverbs 4:23*)

Christian young man, your heart forms its thoughts and affections from inputs. **If** you input holy and noble material, you will have a holy and noble heart. **If** you input the television, magazines, books, music, philosophy, images, and friends of this world, you will decline to her ways. You will think like her and be open to her sinful advances.

Thoughts of what she offers are delicious to the fleshly mind. Mental images of her are painted gloriously in a man's thoughts. You must reject such thoughts before they form; you must hate her sin; you must fear the God Who will judge her and you.

Do not let your heart decline to thoughts of stolen pleasures outside marriage. Despise her for using her beauty and wiles to destroy men; anything less than hatred will not work.

Rise above her wicked ways to noble thoughts of God, wife, family, and home.

If married, go hold your wife; **If** unmarried, go hold your mother. Love the virtuous women in your life and hate this tool of Satan for your destruction.

Consider: Rule # 2 - walk virtuously. Reject her lifestyle and activities. Sin does not occur in noble places, while engaged in noble activities.

How will you meet a whorish woman and find an opportunity for sin in the assembly of the saints, with

your family, in your home, diligently at work in your profession?

Stay far away from her, her haunts, and her activities (*Proverbs 4:14-15; 5:8; Romans 13:14; 2Timothy 2:22*).

She is far too strong to confront. *Proverbs 14:2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.*

If David had been at battle, where he belonged, he would not have seen Bathsheba (*2Samuel 11:1-2*).

If David had then stayed that night in the domestic security of his palace, he would not have seen her. But he ventured out where he did not need to be.

Samson could have avoided all his problems with Philistine whores, **If** he had but stayed at home.

It is foolish to visit: bars, clubs, dances, coed gyms, pools, parties, schools, worldly dating services, and other places where the women are loose and evil.

Her places and lifestyle will seduce and trap you in enormous temptations to sacrifice your virtue where you cannot escape her. You walked into hell yourself. Stay away from her and her activities!

Solomon's father, David, wrote, "*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night*" (*Psalm 1:1-2*).

Here are the two rules in reverse order: stay away from her paths and feed your soul the Word of God. And David's Son, our blessed Lord, did just that (*Hebrews 7:26*)!

Proverbs 7:26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.

What did Samson, David, and Solomon have in common? They could not resist the appeal of forbidden women. Are men stronger than women? Yes, ordinarily! No, when the woman is an adulteress!

Here is the Holy Spirit's warning, about the danger of the strange woman, a woman other than your wife, especially a woman with a whorish heart (*Proverbs 7:1-27*).

Solomon, in fatherly wisdom, soberly warned his son, about the temptation and danger of a loose woman (*Proverbs 7:1-5, 24-27*).

After describing her seduction of a foolish young man in a lengthy parable (*Proverbs 7:6-23*), he summarized the grave danger of going near such a woman by two things:

1. Her power over men is great (*Proverbs 7:26*), and
2. The results are fatal (*Proverbs 7:26-27*)!

Adam and Eve taught a sober lesson in Eden (*Genesis 2:18-25; 3:1-6*).

Though Adam was made first and Eve was his helper, he could not resist her request to eat the forbidden fruit (*Genesis 3:12*).

Satan's lie to Eve did not deceive Adam, but he weakly submitted to his wife over God and His commandment (*Genesis 2:16-17; 1Timothy 2:14*).

And Satan has used women to seduce men ever since, whether married or not (*Job 2:9; 1Kings 11:1-11*).

By wise design, God made the woman's body, flattering speech, physical contact, and eagerness for intimacy to attract men. Used properly in marriage, it results in the great pleasures of the *Song of Solomon*. Used outside marriage, only a few men can resist the powerful temptation.

As the Proverb declares, "*Many strong men have been slain by her.*" The only sure way to avoid adultery is to stay far from her (*Proverbs 7:6-8, 25*).

Women have altered nations by seducing their leaders. Consider Cleopatra. This conniving adulteress stole Egypt's throne and undermined Rome's by seducing Julius Caesar, and then she destroyed the general Mark Antony by adultery as well. These men, renowned for courage, leadership, and strength, were soft putty in her lying embraces.

But there was Joseph, who resisted the repeated advances of Potiphar's wife, to eventually rule Egypt, second only to Pharaoh (*Genesis 39:7-12*).

Though never having the strength of Samson or killing a giant like David, Joseph is a greater hero! And the Lord Jesus Christ, tempted in all points as any man, was without sin His entire life (*Hebrews 4:15*)!

What will an adulteress cost you? You will be wounded and slain! Delilah took Samson to an early grave of ignominy and shame. Bathsheba cost David enormously his entire life. And pagan women from other nations ruined Solomon's life and dynasty.

Adultery is not the exciting diversion the world claims; adultery is a painful hell and death (*Proverbs 7:27*).

How can men defeat the adulteress? They cannot go near her, because they do not have the strength to resist. They must avoid her altogether.

The Adulteress Has Four Wives: Looks, Flattery, Touch, And Willingness!

Reject pornography, coed swimming, and immodestly clothed women, flirting, phoning, chat rooms, or email liaisons. Reject dancing, embracing, or other physical contact with another woman. And never allow personal or intimate conversation or opportunity where her willingness for sin can be communicated.

Good wives will recognize the power they have and use it to please their husbands and win peace for their marriages and homes (*Song of Solomon 8:6-7; 1Corinthians 7:1-5*).

Good wives will rejoice, in the wonderful pleasure themselves (*Song of Solomon 1:1-2; 2:3-7; 3:4-5; 5:9-16; 8:1-4*)!

Good wives will use their looks, sensual words, physical caresses, and initiating of lovemaking to promote romance and save their husbands from whorish women (*Proverbs 5:19-20; 1Corinthians 7:1-5; Hebrews 13:4*).

Proverbs 7:27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

Why do they call it casual sex? Because they do it without regard for marriage or other commitments!

Why do they call it, partying or having an affair? Because they do not want to use the words adultery, fornication, or whoremongering!

How Casual Is Death And Hell?

The whole world is lying to you about the consequences of sex outside of marriage!

The feminine pronoun "*her*" in this Proverb is the strange woman, the adulteress and whore of Solomon's parable (*Proverbs 7:6-23*).

After introducing the subject of sexual sins to his son, Solomon gave a lengthy description of how a young man can be seduced into adultery. (*Proverbs 7:1-5*)

Then Solomon concluded by begging his children to consider the danger (*Proverbs 7:24-27*).

Solomon warned them that whores have wounded many men, and they have even destroyed strong men (*Proverbs 7:26*).

Can you think of Samson and his horrible end? Can you remember David and the painful consequences for adultery with Bathsheba? Can you understand, only the

strongest of men, like Joseph, can resist the powerful seduction of the adulteress (*Proverbs 23:27-28*).

What is the cure? Do not think about her! Do not go near her! (*Proverbs 7:25*)

Sexual sins begin with the eyes (*Proverbs 6:25; Matthew 5:28*), then form a plan in the mind (*Job 31:1; 2Samuel 13:1-2*), and then perform the action (*Proverbs 5:8; 7:8*).

**All Sin
Works This Way
(James 1:13-16)**

The adulteress cannot touch you, **If** you never think about her or get near her!

Can adultery kill you? Yes! Think capital punishment, a jealous spouse, sexual diseases, blinded judgment, and so forth.

But there is more than one way to die! Think about a ruined reputation, destroyed soul, lost job, wasted money, violated marriage, distrusting children, illegitimate children, horrible guilt, sexual bondage, and other deaths!

Can adultery take you to hell? Yes!

If death is the grave, it can take you there, as you just read (*Psalms 16:10; 18:5; 55:15; 86:13; 116:3*).

If hell is the lake of fire, the place of eternal torment, it can take you there **If** you are unsaved (*Psalms 139:8; 1Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3-7; Revelation 21:8*).

Why no warnings in the news? Describing the death and hell behind her eyes, smiles, kisses, and embrace? Because the devil and the world are lying to you, and your flesh agrees with them!

There is a warning however! You are reading it! God warned you four times of death and hell (*Proverbs 2:18-19; 5:5; 7:27; 9:18*)!

Get away from her, and stay away from her!