



The Lips of an Immoral Woman (Proverbs 5:1-23)

The Verge of Total Ruin

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☑ Pay Attention

☑ This topic is critical!

☑ Lack of discretion in this area will utterly ruin you!

☑ You must be in such alignment with what you are about to learn that it not only camps in your brain, but the teachings should be on the tip of your lips at all times to share with others!

☑ *“For **the lips of an immoral woman drip honey**, And her mouth is **smoother than oil**; But in the end she is **bitter as wormwood**, Sharp as a **two-edged sword**.” Proverbs 5:3-4 NKJV*

☑ Temptation of an immoral woman (sexual immorality)...

☑ **Honey:** It tastes sweet and seems natural, but in this case is as addictive as processed sugar.

☑ **Oil:** It's so easy to swallow; it goes down smoothly and helps other things go down so easily. And it is shinny and healthy for your skin; it makes you glow. But, it is a slippery slope to destruction. Jump on that ride and

breaking free from it will be as difficult as a greased egg trying to go up a water slide.

- ☑ **(See: [In the Image of God](#)):** You MUST recognize and acknowledge that **Sexual Immorality** is [The Gateway Sin](#) (Topic is on page 28 of those notes)!
- ☑ *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.** {24} **Therefore God also gave them up** to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, **to dishonor their bodies among themselves,** who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions... [sexual immorality]”* Romans 1:18-19, 24-26 NKJV
- ☑ *“And **even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over** to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, **sexual immorality...**”* Romans 1:28-29 NKJV
- ☑ **The Gateway Sin!** Once **Sexual Immorality** opens the doorway... 23 abominable sins flow in and out so easily!

☑ **Continuing in Romans 29-32**

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| 1. Wickedness | 14. Boasters |
| 2. Covetousness | 15. Inventors of evil |
| 3. Maliciousness | 16. Rebellious |
| 4. Envious | 17. Undiscerning |
| 5. Murderous | 18. Untrustworthy |
| 6. Bitter/Argumentative | 19. Unloving |
| 7. Deceitful | 20. Unforgiving |
| 8. Evil-minded | 21. Unmerciful |
| 9. Gossipers | 22. Aware they coming
against God and they
do it anyway! |
| 10. Traitors | |
| 11. Haters of God | |
| 12. Violent | 23. Promote others to join
in their sin! |
| 13. Proud | |

*Notice how these sins are the antitheses of Love...

☑ **Love** (“*God is love.*” I John 4:8)

☑ *“Love is **patient** and is **kind**; love **does not envy**; love **does not boast**, is **not proud**; does **not behave rudely**, does **not seek its own**, is **not provoked**, **thinks no evil**; does **not rejoice in iniquity**, but **rejoices in the truth**; **bears all things**, **believes all things**, **hopes all things**, **endures all things**. Love **never fails**...”* I Corinthians 13:4-8

- ☑ **God's will:** know how to possess his own vessel!
 - ☑ “For ***this is the will of God, your sanctification:*** that you should ***abstain from sexual immorality;*** that each of you should ***know how to possess his own vessel*** in sanctification and honor, ***not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles [pagans] who do not know God;***” 1 Thess. 4:3-5
- ☑ **The end...**
 - ☑ **Wormwood:** You are guaranteed to be left with a bitter taste in your mouth, a foul pungent feeling on your tongue and in your throat, as you are forced to swallow the bitter bill of frustration, embarrassment, a ruined name, and tarnished reputation.
 - ☑ **A two-edged sword:** It will cut you badly going in and it will finish the job as it shreds your life into pieces coming out. And everything that goes in WILL eventually come out. You will not be able to avoid the damage, nor will you be able to hide the wounds.
- ☑ “Her feet go down to ***death***, Her steps lay hold of ***hell***. Lest you ***ponder her path of life***— Her ways are ***unstable***; ***You do not know them***. Therefore ***hear me now***, my children, And ***do not depart*** from the words of my mouth. “ Proverbs 5:5-7
NKJV

☑️ ⚠️ **WARNING!** ⚠️

- ☑️ **Radiation Present:** Exposure leads to certain DEATH and HELL!
 - ☑️ Your involvement with a seductive immoral woman (sexual immorality) is as if you have locked yourself in a bunker alongside an unstable nuclear reaction.
 - ☑️ Radioactive nuclear material is present and it's as if you have purposely chosen to descend on a ladder into the toxic waste water.
 - ☑️ It's as if someone is screaming at you, warning you to not step down even one more slippery rung, and yet you cannot hear their cries.
 - ☑️ Wisdom and truth are your ladder to freedom, your hazmat suit, and yet you've torn off the barrier of your protective clothing and dived naked into radioactive soup.
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- ☑️ *"Remove your way **far from her**, And **do not go near the door** of her house, Lest you give your **honor to others**, And your **years to the cruel one**; Lest **aliens be filled with your wealth**, And your **labors go** to the house of a **foreigner**; And you mourn at last, When your **flesh and your body are consumed**, "Proverbs 5:8-11 NKJV*

☑ **Don't even come close to Sexual Immorality!**

- ☑ This will be the result...
 - ☑ Others will receive your rewards and accolades.
 - ☑ The years of your life will be swallowed up in anguish.
 - ☑ Others will absorb your resources and riches.
 - ☑ All your efforts will go toward the property of your competition.
 - ☑ In the end you will be groaning in agony on your deathbed with regret and despair.
 - ☑ You will watch your body decay, as your strength and vitality dissolve into dust.

☑ **You will one day ask yourself...**

- ☑ *"Was ten minutes of pleasure worth a lifetime of regret?"*

☑ *"And say: "How I have **hated instruction**, And my heart **despised correction!** I have **not obeyed the voice of my teachers**, Nor inclined my ear to those **who instructed me!** I was on **the verge of total ruin**, In the midst of the assembly and congregation.""* Proverbs 5:12-14 NKJV

☑ **As you stand at the precipice of total ruin you will forced to contemplate...**

- ☑ How you hated to be told what to do...

- ☑ How you avoided anyone you were vulnerable to, if there was even a remote chance they'd admonish you.
- ☑ How you disregarded the advice of those who you once considered your mentors and rejected their wisdom.

Faithful to the Wife for Your Youth

"Drink water from **your own cistern**, And running water from **your own well**. Should your **fountains be dispersed abroad**, Streams of **water in the streets**? Let them be **only your own**, And **not for strangers with you**. Let your **fountain be blessed**, And **rejoice with the wife of your youth**. As a loving deer and a graceful doe, **Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love**. For **why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman**, And be embraced **in the arms of a seductress**? For **the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord**, And He ponders all his paths. **His own iniquities entrap the wicked man**, And he is **caught in the cords of his sin**. He shall **die for lack of instruction**, And **in the greatness of his folly** he shall **go astray**." Proverbs 5:15-23 NKJV

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☑ **Your own cistern?**

☑ The imagery is beautiful, but maybe too pretty to describe how ugly is sexual immorality in the life of a married person.

☑ **Your own cistern is referring to your own spouse!**

☑ The intimacy of your marriage bed is like the living water coming from a well.

☑ Defiling the marriage bed is like allowing others to drink from your personal water supply.

☑ *“Marriage is honorable among all, **and the bed undefiled**; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”* Hebrews 13:4 NKJV

☑ Do it once and before you know it your contaminated water will be spilling out into the neighborhood.

☑ Your marriage water is for you and your spouse alone; it is not meant to be shared with anyone else!

☑ **Note to those not yet married...**

☑ Do not think because this section is speaking of marriage that if you are unmarried, it does not apply to you.

☑ Anything you do outside of marriage proves your character.

- ☑ You **WILL** display that same character inside of marriage.
 - ☑ If you're willing to be sexually immoral outside of marriage, you will be willing to be sexually moral inside of marriage.
 - ☑ If you are willing to cheat on your future spouse with someone who is not your spouse (**even if it is with the one who becomes your spouse**), you will cheat on your spouse when you are married.
 - ☑ You are saying, ***"I cannot be trusted to be pure!"***
 - ☑ It will show up as adultery, pornography, or both.
- ☑ ***"Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth. As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love." Proverbs 5:18-19 NKJV***
- ☑ **Want a blessing?**
 - ☑ Continuing with the well, water and the flowing fountain allegory—you will have a blessing of abundant living water if you honor your marriage vows to your wife.
 - ☑ You will be forever satisfied and enraptured (*delighted, enchanted, charmed, captivated, and thrilled, beguiled*) with every aspect your spouse alone, all the days of your life.

- “For **why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?**”
 Proverbs 5:20 NKJV
- If you can have that with your very own wife, then why...**
 - Would you attempt to be enraptured (*delighted, thrilled, enchanted, charmed, captivated, and thrilled, beguiled*) with anything that God sees as sexually immoral?
- “For **the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, And He ponders all his paths. His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, And he is caught in the cords of his sin. He shall die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.**” Proverbs 5:21-23 NKJV
- If you think you can get away with it...**
 - For the ways of man **are before the eyes of the Lord, And He ponders all his paths...**
 - “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is **no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**” Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

☑ **Evil is punished by its own wickedness**

☑ His ***own iniquities*** entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sin...

☑ *“The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth. The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming. **The wicked have drawn the sword** And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct. **Their sword shall enter their own heart**, And their bows shall be broken.”* Psalms 37:12-15 NKJV

☑ **Death comes to the fool who ignores this...**

☑ He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his ***folly he shall go astray...***

☑ *“Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who has it. **But the correction of fools is folly.**”* Prov. 16:22 NKJV

☑ *“A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; **Fools pass on and are punished.**”* Prov. 27:12

☑ *“**The fool** has said in his heart, **“There is no God.”** [They destroy, delete, cancel the Image of God] Psalms 14:1*

☑ **Affidavit of purity:** [THE PURSUIT OF PURITY](#) (You can sign it and [email it to Pastor Jeff](#) to sign!)

NEXT TEACHING: Don't Do That! (Proverbs 6:1-35)