



## The Real Cost for a Harlot (Proverbs 7:1-27)

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### **Prioritize God's Commandments, Wisdom, and Understanding**

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### **Scripture 1:1-25**

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**Keep, treasure, bind...**

The apple of your eye: That which is treasured above everything and everyone else.

☑ **What is the apple of your eye?**

- ☑ Doing things God's way should be ever at the tip of your fingers and at the center of your thoughts.
- ☑ That is what you would call a life lived with godly wisdom, and understanding.

☑ *"Say to **wisdom**, "You are my sister," And call **understanding** your nearest kin, That they may **keep you from the immoral woman**, From **the seductress** who flatters with her words."*  
*Proverbs 7:4-5 NKJV*

☑ **These should be as close to your heart as your dearest family member.**

- ☑ **Wisdom:** the application of Godly knowledge and understanding.
- ☑ **Knowledge:** the acquisition of God's intent on any matter.
- ☑ **Understanding:** the proper perception of God's intention.

☑ **Wisdom and Understanding will give you protection...**

- ☑ From the seductive immoral woman!
- ☑ See: [The Lips of an Immoral Woman](#)

☑ **Excerpts**

- ☑ *"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.
- ☑️ *“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?"*

## **The Crafty Harlot**

“For **at the window of my house I looked** through my lattice,  
And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, **A young man devoid of understanding**,  
Passing along the street near her corner; And **he took the path to her house** In the twilight, in the

evening, In the black and dark night. And there a woman met him,  
With **the attire of a harlot**, and a **crafty heart**. She was **loud and rebellious**, Her **feet would not stay at home**. At times she was **outside**, at times in the **open square**, Lurking **at every corner**. So she **caught him and kissed him**; **With an impudent face** she said to him: "I have **peace offerings** with me; **Today I have paid my vows**. So **I came out to meet you**, Diligently to seek your face, And I have found you. I have **spread my bed** with tapestry, Colored coverings of Egyptian linen. I have **perfumed my bed** With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. **Come, let us take our fill of love until morning**; **Let us delight ourselves with love**. For **my husband is not at home**; He has gone on a long journey; He has taken a bag of money with him, And will come home on the appointed day." With her **enticing speech** she **caused him to yield**, With her **flattering lips** she **seduced him**. **Immediately he went after her**, as an **ox goes to the slaughter**, Or as a **fool to the correction of the stocks**, Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, **He did not know it would cost his life**. Now therefore, listen to me, my children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth: **Do not let your heart turn aside to her** ways, **Do not stray into her paths**; For **she has cast down many wounded**, And all who were slain by her were strong men. **Her house is the way to hell**, Descending to the **chambers of death**." Proverbs 7:6-27 NKJV

## Scripture 1:26-50

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### ☑ Character traits of the victim of the harlot:

☑ **Simple:** having or showing very little intelligence or judgment, naive, and foolish.

☑ **Young:** immature, unprepared, lack of experience, a boy and not a man!

☑ **Devoid of Understanding:** entirely lacking proper perception of God’s intention, lacking good judgment, a weak mind, a weak resolve, and poor morals.

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☑ Character traits of the harlot (note: the harlot can be male of female):

- ☑ **Appearance (attire):** She dresses the part. Clothing designed to create temptation. Garments made to allure, to inspire lust and to awaken desire.
- ☑ **Intentions (heart):** She is scheming. What she is doing is not by accident. Her thoughts and plans are purposeful with one desired outcome, and that is to trap her victim in her scheme.
- ☑ **Personality (loud and rebellious):** She wants to be noticed. There is nothing subtle about how she comes across to others. She desires to draw attention to herself and makes no effort to hide that what she is doing is in violation of God's will. In other words, she is sinning on purpose and has no remorse.
- ☑ **Lifestyle (on the move):** She is actively pursuing her business. She's going where she needs to go to attain what she wants and establish her schemes. She goes where the business is, wherever the men are present and vulnerable to temptation. That is where she will set up shop. She is industrious when it comes to ensuring her sinful plans are successful.
- ☑ **Help from the Lord!**
  - ☑ *"Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine*

apparel— **rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the *incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.***” 1 Peter 3:3-4 NKJV

☑ *“So she **caught him and kissed him; With an impudent face she said to him: “I have **peace offerings** with me; **Today I have paid my vows.** So I came out to meet you, Diligently to seek your face, And I have found you.”*** Proverbs 7:13-15 NKJV

☑ **The Target: “She caught him...” Who?**

☑ The man with very little intelligence or judgment. The naive and foolish man with no more scruples than an immature, unprepared little boy, with no experience. The man with no deep roots or solid foundation in the Lord (a Godly man would not be easily enticed). The man entirely lacking proper perception of God’s intention. The man with a weak mind, a weak resolve, and poor morals.

☑ **The Trap: the bold move!**

☑ *She caught him and kissed him...* How audacious! When you are so bold and so certain that you can control the outcome that you would walk right up to somebody and grab them, certain they are willing to participate in your sinful schemes.



- ☑ *With an impudent face...* This can only be done if you have absolutely zero concern or respect for the other person.
- ☑ *I have peace offerings with me; Today I have paid my vows...* And then to make it even worse, bring God into the equation, as if you are in right standing with Him. Use your relationship with God, as if He is pleased with you because you took care of business with Him already: obediently wrote your tithe check, did your daily devotions, and worshipped your wonderful Creator.
- ☑ *I came out to meet you...* I took care of my business with the Lord, so now I'm available to come out and play. I specifically came out to meet you, knowing you would be impressed with my wonderful priorities of putting God first.

☑ *"I have **spread my bed** with tapestry, Colored coverings of Egyptian linen. I have **perfumed my bed** With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. **Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with love.**" Proverbs 7:16-18 NKJV*

☑ **The Unabashed Offer!**

- ☑ I've prepared a night of sexual fantasy for you, pleasure you deserve. I've made myself completely available to satisfy your sexual desires.
- ☑ And we will call what we are doing love, even though it is clearly sin. We can still claim it is love; all we have to do is make a few alterations in the definition.
- ☑ **This is how...** Alter the following attributes of love and we can have our own new expedient definition that suits our specific needs! (*We need only alter **12 of the 16 attributes** so the new definition fits our needs!*)
- ☑ Love: "Love suffers long [**love gets what it wants without waiting**] and is kind [**love considers what's best for me**]; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely [**love does not care if it offends someone else**], does not seek its own [**love seeks to satisfy its own desires**], is not provoked, thinks no evil [**love redefines sin**]; does not rejoice in iniquity [**love defends its sinful ways**], but rejoices in the truth [**love teaches that truth is relative to one's needs in the moment**]; bears all things [**love is weak and cannot stand up under scrutiny**], believes all things [**love believes the things of God that fit into a model that works for me**], hopes all things

*[love does not have the faith that God has my best interest in mind], endures all things [love is weak and therefore must be bolstered by my own philosophy]. Love never fails [love is not permanent; it has no real power; it has an easily alterable meaning]...”* 1

Corinthians 13:4-8 NKJV

- ☑ That’s not too difficult if you are willing to participate in self-deception.
- ☑ Yes, the secret to pulling this off is self-deception. We move away from “delighting in the Lord” to “delighting in ourselves.” *“Let us delight ourselves with love.”*
- ☑ **Unfortunately:** this is the exact opposite of what God says to do!
- ☑ *“**Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.**”* Psalms 37:3-6 NKJV
- ☑ But, if we keep the shift subtle, you may not notice you’ve crossed over from worshiping Yahweh to worshiping Satan, the king of My way!

☑ **Satan's Way: "I will!"**

- ☑ *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! **For you have said in your heart: 'I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God; **I will** also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds, **I will** be like the Most High."* Isaiah 14:12-14 NKJV

☑ **Yah's way or My way**

- ☑ The question each of us must ask ourself; *"Whose way will I choose, my way or Yah's way?"*
- ☑ This reminded me of a Song made famous by Frank Sinatra called "My Way." Such tragic lyrics to sing if you think that doing it Your Way throughout your lifetime is the way to live.
- ☑ Here I changed "my way" to "His way" six times and "himself" to "God" one time, seven small changes that make all the difference in this life and into eternity!

**MY WAY**

*And now, the end is near  
And so I face the final curtain*

*My friend, I'll say it clear  
I'll state my case, of which I'm certain  
I've lived a life that's full  
I traveled each and every highway  
And more, much more than this  
I did it my **[His]** way (**Yah's way**)  
Regrets, I've had a few  
But then again, too few to mention  
I did what I had to do  
And saw it through without exemption  
I planned each charted course  
Each careful step along the byway  
And more, much more than this  
I did it my **[His]** way (**Yah's way**)  
Yes, there were times, I'm sure you knew  
When I bit off more than I could chew  
But through it all, when there was doubt  
I ate it up and spit it out  
I faced it all, and I stood tall  
And did it my **[His]** way (**Yah's way**)  
I've loved, I've laughed and cried  
I've had my fill, my share of losing  
And now, as tears subside*

*I find it all so amusing  
To think I did all that  
And may I say, not in a shy way  
Oh, no, oh, no, not me  
I did it my **[His]** way (**Yah's way**)  
For what is a man, what has he got?  
If not for himself **[God]**, then he has naught  
To say the things he truly feels  
And not the words of one who kneels  
The record shows I took the blows  
And did it my **[His]** way (**Yah's way**)  
Yes, it was my **[His]** way (**Yah's way**)*

☑ *“For **my husband is not at home**; He has gone on a long journey; He has taken a bag of money with him, And **will come home on the appointed day.**”” Proverbs 7:19-20 NKJV*

☑ **Willful Premeditated Sin!**

☑ The focus here is not that this sinful woman is married, as much as it is that her sin is premeditated.

☑ She has planned her fornication around the schedule of her husband who is away on business and she knows precisely what day he will return, so she knows exactly

how much time she has to engage in her sinful sexual immorality.

- ☑ In addition, for all those who are unmarried, when you engage in sexual immorality of any type, you are being unfaithful to your future spouse.

- ☑ **God's Word Speaks for itself when it comes to willful sin!**

- ☑ *"For if we **sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth**, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but **a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries**. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of **how much worse punishment**, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has **trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?** For we know Him who said, "**Vengeance is Mine, I will repay**," says the Lord. And again, "**The Lord will judge His people.**" **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**"*

Hebrews 10:26-31 NKJV

- ☑ **God's Word Speaks for itself when it comes to sexual immorality!**

☑ *“I wrote to you in my epistle **not to keep company with sexually immoral people.** Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. **But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral,** or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.”* 1 Corinthians 5:9-11 NKJV

☑ *“**Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators,** nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners **will inherit the kingdom of God.**”* 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 NKJV

☑ **Note to self:** genuine repentance brings eternal forgiveness, but does not alleviate the consequences for sin here on earth during this life.

☑ See: [Forgiven... yet Liable](#)

☑ *“With her **enticing speech** she **caused him to yield,** With her **flattering lips she seduced him.**”* Proverbs 7:21 NKJV



☑ **The Web: enticing speech and flattering lips:**

- ☑ Her allure goes beyond her appearance. She knows just what to say to draw her victim into her deadly web.
- ☑ Flattery is an interesting sin; it is often the one type of lie that a person is willing to believe, even though they know it's a lie.

☑ ***“Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, **He did not know it would cost his life.**” Proverbs 7:22-23 NKJV***

☑ **He is defenseless!**

- ☑ The analogies we can use to describe the outcome of entering her web are endless.
- ☑ The tragedy here is that for some reason, in his simplicity, his naivety, his self-deception, and the allure for sexual immorality, he did not know that it would cost him his very life.
- ☑ And maybe even more tragic is that he will run into it full speed, reckless abandoned, just to satisfy his sinful lustful desires—all while swearing in his deceived mind that what he is doing is...Love!.
- ☑ The Love of the Flesh

- ☑ ***“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—**the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father** but is of the world. And the world is passing away, **and the lust of it;** but he who does the will of God abides forever.”*** 1 John 2:15-17 NKJV
  
- ☑ ***“Now therefore, listen to me, my children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth: **Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths; For she has cast down many wounded,** And all who were slain by her were strong men. **Her house is the way to hell,** Descending to the **chambers of death.**”*** Proverbs 7:24-27 NKJV
  
- ☑ **Final Warning: Don't do it!**
- ☑ You will not be her first victim, nor her last.
- ☑ Many have gone before you and were ruined by her, and many will come after you.
- ☑ All will be led into the pit of hell; death awaits all those who choose the wide road that leads to destruction.
- ☑ ***““Enter by the narrow gate; for **wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction,** and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate***

*and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV*

**NEXT TEACHING**

Before Primal Dust (Proverbs 8:1-36)