
“The Case of the Open Window Shade”

(David & Bathsheba, Proverbs 5-7, pg. 452-453)

“For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not. Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say. Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel, lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man’s house. At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. You will say, ‘How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors. I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly. For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life, keeping you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of the wayward wife. Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life. Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man’s wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.” (Proverbs 5:3-14, 6:23-29)

Adultery is a sin against God, your spouse, your own body, the church body, and the other person.

I. WHAT CAUSES ADULTERY?

Four basic causes...

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| 1. Emotional immaturity | 3. Unmet needs |
| 2. Unresolved conflict | 4. Unbridled lust |

II. HOW CAN I AFFAIR-PROOF MY MARRIAGE?

1. Affair-proof myself

Two choices...

- v Nurture or attaCK temptation?
“Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Proverbs 5-7 (p. 452)...

- v Lifestyle
5:8... *“keep a path far from her, don’t go near the door of her house”*
- v Satisfying marriage
5:15, 18... *“drink from your own cistern, rejoice in the wife of your youth”*
- v Thought - life
6:25... *“do not lust in your heart after her beauty”*
- v Decision
7:25... *“do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths.”*

:Character is destiny!

2. Affair-proof my mate

3. Affair-proof my lifestyle

When we say “no” to non-marital sex, we are saying “yes” to something far better.