

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

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Myron Jellison

Message #3

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HOW TO AVOID MORAL FAILURE

1. What have you learned as we journey through the book of Proverbs?
2. How are you doing with the daily Bible reading challenge Pastor Chris gave us two weeks ago?
3. Read Proverbs 7: 1-5. What do you personally glean from this passage? How will God's truth keep you from falling into sin (such as feeding and giving into lust)?
4. Myron gave several statistics about lust, adultery, affairs, immorality, and pornography. Were you at all surprised by those statistics? Why or why not?
5. Read Matthew 5:27-30. What is Jesus saying to you in these verses? Can you see how steps moving in the direction of lust can lead you to a place you said you'd never go?
6. Myron gave some examples of steps in a dangerous direction - enjoyable secret conversations online, unsupervised time with a coworker at work, enjoying the company of a fellow mom or dad in a way that you know is trending too far at the sports field or gym, keeping secrets from your spouse, looking for and seeing images on your social media or websites, not cutting it off as soon as you know it's happening, etc. Can you relate to any of these or something similar? What will you do to "gouge out your eye" or "cut off your hand" to keep from going in a direction that will lead you to a sinful destination? What specific steps will you take?
7. If you're married, how is your marriage? How is the romance? How is your sexual life with your spouse? If your answers to those questions are negative, what will you do to seek help in this area?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. Myron's second point was you have to flee; don't fight lustful and sexually immoral temptations. Reading this passage of scripture, what does it mean that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?
9. What does it mean you were bought at a price? How can you honor God with your body? Are you honoring God with your body? Are you fleeing from sexual temptation? If so, what are you doing to flee? Share in your group. If you're not, what will you do?

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10. Myron discussed the need for a Christian brother (if you're a man) or a sister (if you're a woman) as an accountability partner. Do you have an accountability partner? If you do, why is having that person important in your life?

11. Read John 10:10 and 1 Peter 5:6-11. What does John 10:10 say about Jesus? What do these passages say about our enemy, Satan? How do these passages apply to your battle against lust and sexual immorality? Given how they describe our enemy, what does that say about your need for vigilance?

12. Myron said, "Whatever is hidden and you're doing in secret, Satan has control over you in that. But when you bring it into the light to Jesus, you can have freedom." Read James 5:16. If you are caught up in lust and sexual immorality, what does this verse mean to you? What will you do with it?

13. Read Proverbs 5: 1-14 out loud in your group. Talk in your group about how this passage has proven true in your life.

14. Do you struggle in these areas - lust, adultery, and/or pornography? Will you take the next step to get help? As a church, we would love to help you experience the freedom Christ alone offers. Talk to one of the church staff members for prayer and about how to get freedom.

15. Is there another area (besides sexual immorality) where your appetite is living outside of God's will? If so, what will you do to flee, bring your vice into the light, and find freedom?