

***It's all fun . . .  
until corrosion goes too far!***



**“How to be a Foolishly  
Fun Single Who Ends  
Up Miserable”**

***Sowing wise heart-choices and  
reaping single-hearted joy.***



# **SOWING AND REAPING**







WE WILL REAP  
THE HARVEST WE  
SOW  
BY OUR  
HEART-CHOICES

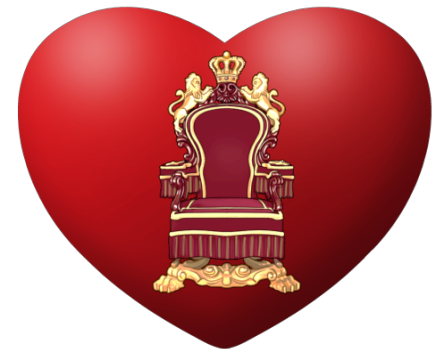
***“FUN” ON THE WAY TO A***



***“FOCUS” ON THE WAY TO A***



***“FORKS” ON THE WAY  
OUR HEART-CHOICES***



***“FUN”* ON THE WAY TO A**



1 Kings 11:1-2 p. 322

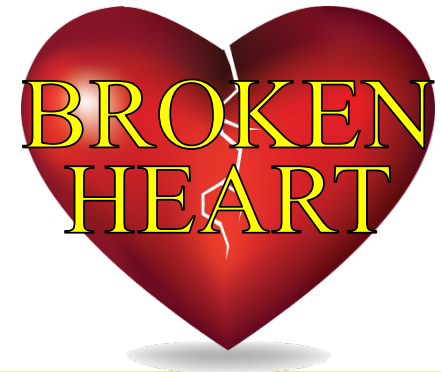
Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, <sup>2</sup>from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the people of Israel, "You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, **for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.**" Solomon clung to these in love.

1 Kings 11:3-4 p. 322

He had 700 wives, who were princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. <sup>4</sup>For when Solomon was old **his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God,** as was the heart of David his father.



***“FUN”* ON THE WAY TO A**



***“FOCUS”* ON THE WAY TO A**



An open Bible is shown from a low angle, with the pages fanning out. A semi-transparent blue oval is centered over the open pages. Inside this oval, the text "1 Corinthians 7" is written in a large, bold, white serif font. Below it, the text "is found on" is written in a smaller, white serif font. At the bottom of the oval, the text "PAGES 1057" is written in a large, bold, white serif font. The background of the image is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds.

***1 Corinthians 7***  
*is found on*  
***PAGES 1057***

***“FOCUS”*** ON THE WAY TO A  **SINGLE  
HEART**

**MARRIAGE CAN EASILY LEAD TO A  
FOCUS ON WORLDLY THINGS.**

I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>and his interests are divided.

**1 Corinthians 7:34b p. 1058**

**And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband.**



*“FOCUS”* ON THE WAY TO A 

**MARRIAGE CAN EASILY LEAD TO A  
FOCUS ON WORLDLY THINGS.**

**WE ARE CALLED TO REMEMBER  
THAT THE PRESENT FORM OF THIS  
WORLD IS PASSING AWAY.**

**1 Corinthians 7:29-30a p. 1058**

**This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing,**

**1 Corinthians 7:30b-31 p. 1058**

**. . . and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.**

*“FOCUS”* ON THE WAY TO A  **SINGLE  
HEART**

**THE APOSTLE CAN COUNSEL WIDOWS  
*NOT TO* REMARRY AND *TO* REMARRY,  
DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES.**

1 Corinthians 7:39-40 p. 1058

A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. <sup>40</sup>**Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is.** And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.



1 Corinthians 7:26 p. 1058

I think that **in view of the present distress** it is good for a person to remain as he is.

But refuse to enroll younger widows, for when their passions **draw them away from Christ**, they desire to marry<sup>12</sup> and so incur condemnation for having abandoned their former faith.<sup>13</sup> Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers . . .

. . . but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not. <sup>14</sup>**So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, manage their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander. <sup>15</sup>For some have already strayed after Satan.**

# ***“FOCUS”*** ON THE WAY TO A **SINGLE HEART**

**THE APOSTLE CAN COUNSEL WIDOWS  
*NOT TO* REMARRY AND *TO* REMARRY,  
DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**THE FOCUS OF THE DECISION IS  
SINGLENES OF HEART FOR CHRIST.**

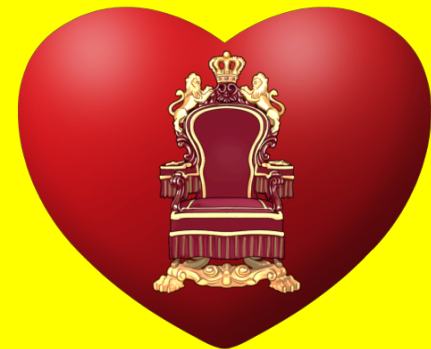
***“FUN” ON THE WAY TO A***



***“FOCUS” ON THE WAY TO A***

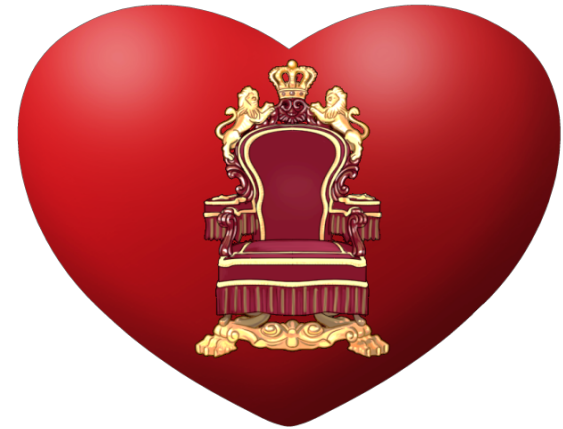


***“FORKS” ON THE WAY  
OUR HEART-CHOICES***





***“FORKS”* ON THE WAY  
OUR HEART-CHOICES**



**CHOOSE TO BE IN THE WORD DAILY,  
SO THAT WE HAVE TENDER AND  
HUMBLE HEARTS BEFORE GOD.**

Deuteronomy 17:16-17 p. 179

Only (the king) must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.' <sup>17</sup>And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, **lest his heart turn away,** nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.

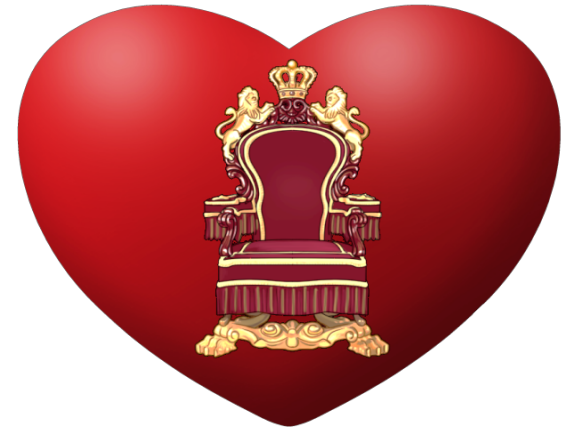
ESV

**Deuteronomy 17:18-19a p. 179**

**"And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. <sup>19</sup>And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law . . ."**

“. . . and these statutes, and doing them, <sup>20</sup>that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.”

***“FORKS”* ON THE WAY  
OUR HEART-CHOICES**

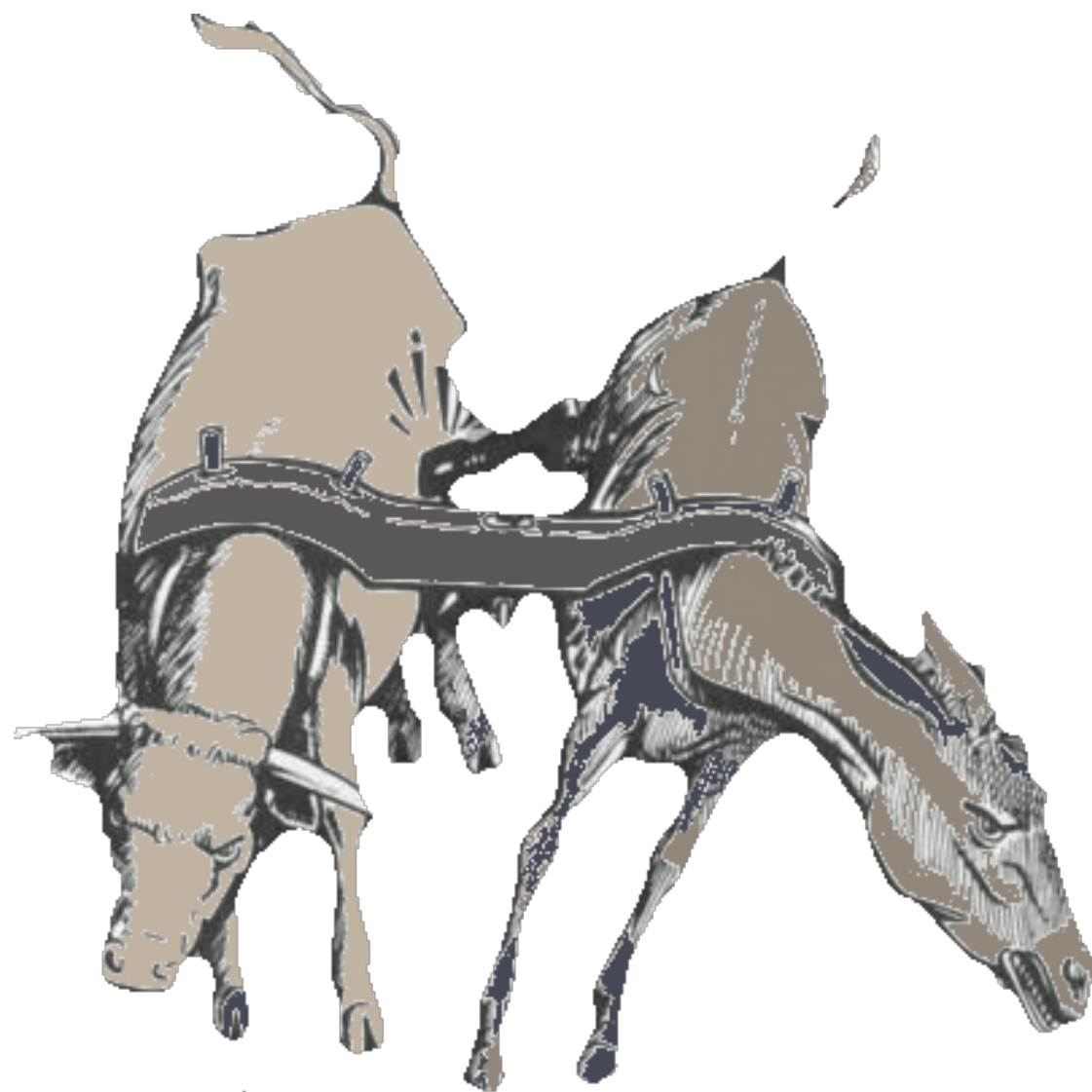


**CHOOSE TO  
REMEMBER GOD’S  
DIRECTIVE TO NOT  
BE UNEQUALLY  
YOKED.**

**2 Corinthians 6:14-16a**

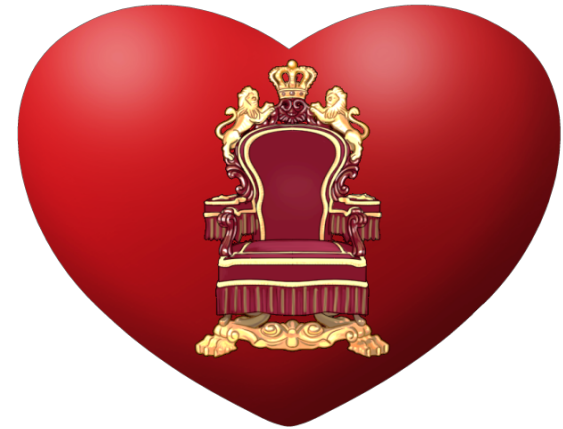
Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? <sup>15</sup>What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup>What agreement has the temple of God with idols?







***“FORKS”* ON THE WAY  
OUR HEART-CHOICES**



**CHOOSE TO HUMBLLY ADMIT THE  
POWER OF LOVE.**

**Song of Solomon 8:4 p. 629**

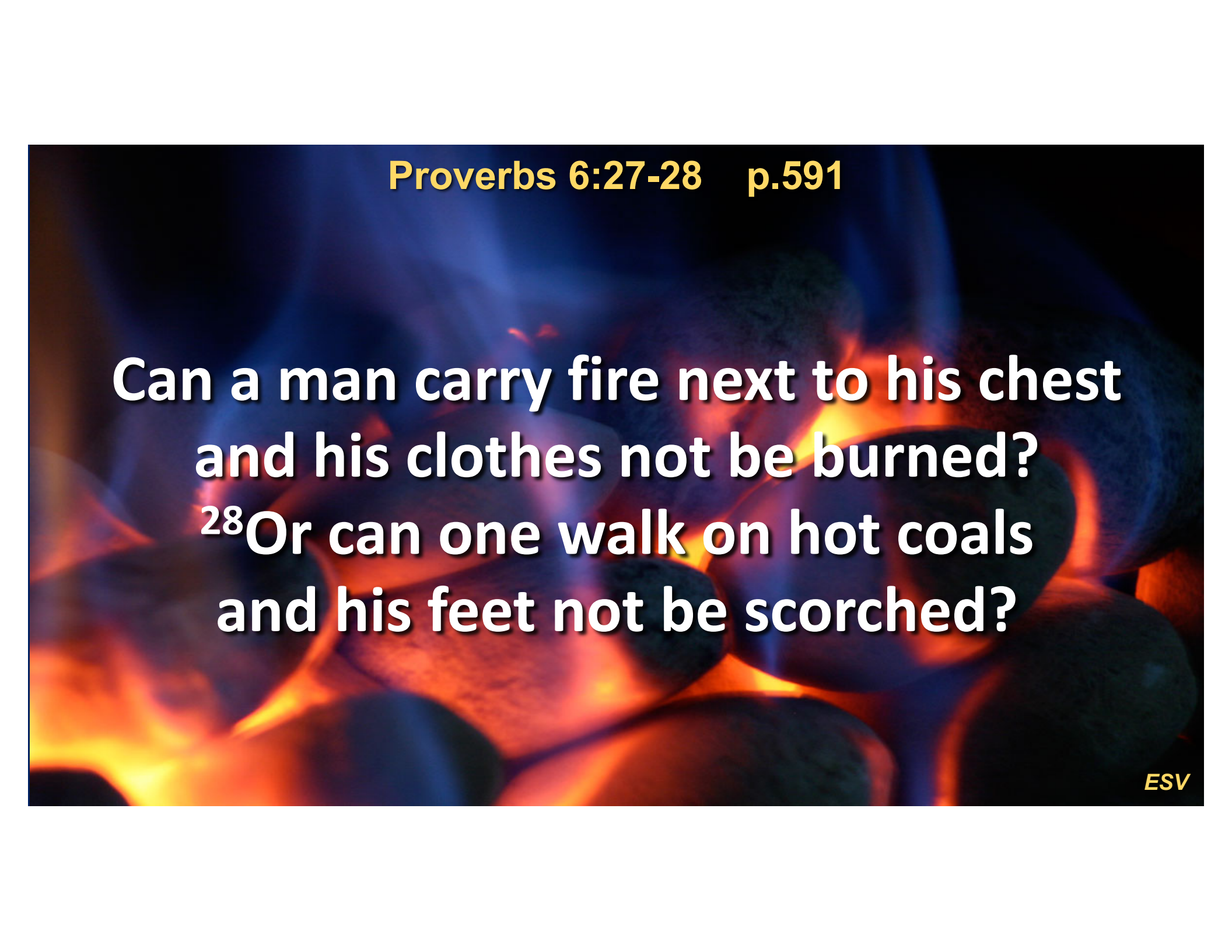
**I adjure you,  
O daughters of  
Jerusalem,  
that you  
not stir up  
or awaken love  
until it pleases.**



Song of Solomon 8:6-7 p. 629

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, **for love is strong as death**, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord. <sup>7</sup>Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.

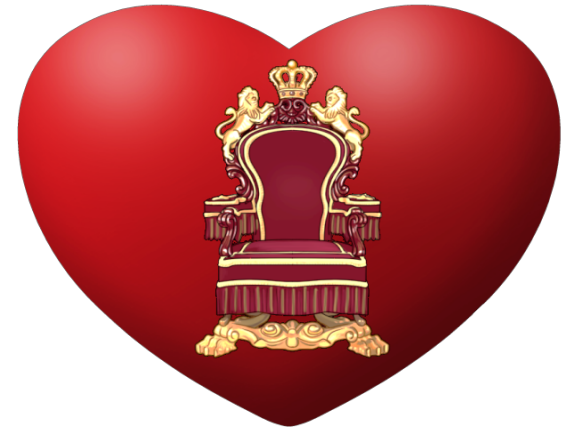
ESV



Proverbs 6:27-28 p.591

**Can a man carry fire next to his chest  
and his clothes not be burned?  
<sup>28</sup>Or can one walk on hot coals  
and his feet not be scorched?**

***“FORKS”* ON THE WAY  
OUR HEART-CHOICES**



**CHOOSING TO HUMBLY ADMIT THE  
POWER OF LOVE.**

**CHOOSE TO BE TENDER AT EVERY  
DECISION POINT.**

Proverbs 7:6-9 p. 591

For at the window of my house I have looked out through my lattice, <sup>7</sup>and I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense, <sup>8</sup>passing along the street near her corner, taking the road to her house <sup>9</sup>in the twilight, in the evening, at the time of night and darkness.



Proverbs 7:21-23 p. 592

With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. <sup>22</sup>All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast <sup>23</sup>till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life.



Rembrandt. Slaughtered Ox. 1665

**. . . an ox going  
to slaughter.**



**Solomon brought Pharaoh's daughter up from the city of David to the house that he had built for her, for he said, "My wife shall not live in the house of David king of Israel, for the places to which the ark of the LORD has come are holy."**



***“FORKS” ON THE WAY***  
***OUR HEART-CHOICES***



**BE IN THE WORD DAILY**

**BE EQUALLY YOKED**

**BE HUMBLE BEFORE LOVE'S POWER**

**BE TENDER AT EVERY DECISION**

***KEEP CHRIST FIRST IN OUR HEART***