



The Book of PROVERBS

Chapter 5

“The Morals of Wisdom!”

I) The Pitfalls of Immorality! (v1-14)

(v1-2) Pay Attention - Think!—Understanding - Learn!—Discretion - Right from wrong!—Lips keep knowledge - Walk the talk/Talk the walk!

(v3-6) Watch out for the immoral woman - Samson & Delilah (Judges ch. 16)

> **New Testament: 1 Corinthians 6:13-20-** *Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

(v7-11) The results of falling to her temptation:

#1- You give your honor away - reputation.

#2- Your years of hard work and success can be taken from you.

#3- You waste your money on prodigal living. (The Prodigal Son - Luke 15:11-16 - To further illustrate the point, he told them this story: "A man had two sons. When the younger told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now, instead of waiting until you die!' his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. "A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and took a trip to a distant land, and there wasted all his money on parties and prostitutes. About the time his money was gone a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him to feed his pigs. The boy became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the swine looked good to him. And no one gave him anything.)

#4- Your flesh and body can be consumed. (Sexually Transmitted Diseases- pamphlet)

(v12-14) “On the verge of total ruin”- Samson was disabled but not destroyed, he turned to God, received his strength, and brought disaster upon his enemies! The Prodigal Son reaped what he had sown; yet he returns to God and is restored. What about hope for the immoral woman? Jesus forgave the woman caught in adultery (John ch. 8); he forgave the woman who had been married five times and was shacking up with a guy (John ch. 4). God wants us to recognize our sins, to repent of our sins and to go and sin no more! Follow the life of Jesus Christ and receive His grace & mercy. **Matthew 21:31-32** - Jesus said to them, *"Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him."*

II) Let Your Fountains Be Blessed! (v15-23)

(v15-17) First, drink from the living water of Jesus Christ- John 4:10 - *Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."* **John 7:37-39 -** *Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.* **Second, drink from the pleasures of your own wife/husband.**

(v18-20) God will bless your fountain as you follow three simple steps:

#1- Rejoice with the wife of your youth.

#2- Be satisfied with her. (Barnes writes regarding this verse - Better, "A loving hind (is she) and pleasant roe." As in the whole circle of Arab and Persian poetry the antelope and the gazelle are the chosen images of beauty, so they served with equal fitness for the masculine and feminine types of it.)

#3- Be enraptured with her love.

(v21-23) Be careful & choose God's path - Proverbs 5:22 - Adam Clarke writes - Most people who follow unlawful pleasures, think they can give them up whenever they please; but sin repeated becomes customary; custom soon engenders habit; and habit in the end assumes the form of necessity; the man becomes bound with his own cords, and so is led captive by the devil at his will.

> How to return to the LORD? David the King of Israel, a fallen saint yields a prayer of penitence in Psalm 51.

TEN RULES FOR A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE

- 1. You must marry the right person, one you love and one who loves you, and both of you must be in love with Jesus Christ.**
- 2. GIVE and TAKE is a necessity. Let love cover the disagreements which will come in any marriage.**
- 3. Never carry into tomorrow the petty troubles of today. Forgive at the end of the day, and then forget.**
- 4. Don't discuss your disagreements and personal problems with others. You will soon forget these quarrels, but others will remember them forever. Go to the LORD for the advice you need.**
- 5. Try to live within your financial means. Don't try to keep up with some other couple; keep within your income. And be sure to set aside something for the Lord's work.**
- 6. Keep your love as romantic as possible. Appreciate each other. Express that appreciation in actual love and affection in the home.**
- 7. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER even think of divorce as a solution for your marriage problems. You took your vows "until death do us part." So often, divorce never settles anything.**
- 8. Keep your eyes on the person you have married, and don't bother looking around for someone else. Wandering eyes benefit no marriage.**
- 9. Read God's Word and pray together every day. To pray together is to stay together.**
- 10. Let Christ shed the love of God abroad in your heart, and you will be sure to have love for each other.**