

sermon notes

Pastor Tony Caffey, VBVF | Fearing Deity & Defying Stupidity
December 10, 2023 | “God-honoring Sex” | **Proverbs 5:1–23**

1. _____ cheap, easy, God-defying sex
(5:1–6)

2. _____ yourself from regrettable, sexual
indiscretions (5:7–14)

3. _____ in God’s provision for sexual fulfillment
(5:15–20)

4. _____ that God judges all our actions
(5:21–23)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Proverbs 5:1–14. Make a short list of the consequences of premarital and extramarital sex. What are some ways that God has hardwired this world to punish sexual immorality? Are sexual sins unforgivable? Are the consequences of sexual sin irreversible?

Read Proverbs 5:15–23. What are the benefits of chastity before marriage? What are the benefits of marital fidelity? How countercultural are the principles from Proverbs 5 in our day and age? Is it reasonable for us to pursue this purity in our modern society?

How does Proverbs 5:21–23 relate to the rest of Proverbs 5? How do these verses motivate us to steer clear of sexual sin?

GET PERSONAL

Explain how the fear of the Lord and the quest for wisdom intersect in Proverbs 5. How does the fear of the Lord operate as a blessing in the life of a Christian?

Explain how a Christian can apply the principles of Proverbs 5 in light of the grace that Jesus offers us on the cross. How do we balance grace and truth in this area as believers? Towards ourselves and others?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Develop an action plan for sexual temptation in your life. When you are tempted in this area, who do you contact? Who is your accountability partner and how often do you communicate with one another?

FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG KIDS: Make a list of the benefits that Christians experience when they are faithful to their spouses before and during their marriage. Have you communicated these things to your children? Discuss how you plan to go about doing that. At what age should you start talking about these things with your kids?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Consider the issue of pornography in our modern-day world. Is pornography a better alternative to adultery or premarital sex? What about movies and shows that showcase nudity or sex scenes, but are not categorized as pornography? For help with this question, see the following “Ask Pastor John” podcast: <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/should-christians-watch-game-of-thrones>