

sermon notes

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January 14, 2024 | “Sexual Sin II: A Cautionary Tale” | **Proverbs 7:1–27**

If you want to fall into sexual sin:

- 1) Be _____ of God’s Word
(7:1–5)
- 2) Be _____ to your vulnerability
(7:6–10)
- 3) Be _____ to run when you are hunted
(7:11–20)
- 4) Be _____ of the consequences of your actions
(7:21–23)
- 5) Be _____ to godly counsel
(7:24–27)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Proverbs 7:1–5. What statements, concepts, and words are repeated here from other parts of Proverbs? Why does the author keep repeating refrains like “my son” and “my commandments” and “my teaching?”

Read Proverbs 7:6–27. This is the third section on sex in the book of Proverbs (cf. 5:1–23; 6:20–35). Why does Solomon emphasize this so much in this book? Why is this point of emphasis necessary for a young man? How are these principles important for young men, young women, older men, older women, marrieds, and singles?

The young man in this cautionary tale is described as naïve and a simpleton. It’s important to guard a young person’s innocence, but we also need to be wise, discerning, and not gullible as Christians. How do we strike that balance as Christians? How do we strike that balance as parents with our children?

GET PERSONAL

Consider the five points above for how a person can fall into sexual sin. Are you tempted to do any of these five things? How is Satan effective at getting Christians to fall into these traps?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

One of the mistakes that this naïve, young person makes in Proverbs 7 is putting himself in a vulnerable position. Are you aware of your own vulnerabilities? How might you avoid vulnerable situations that lead to sexual sin in your life? For example, do you avoid staying out late at night? Do you have protective software on your computer (If not, consider “Covenant Eyes” or “Canopy”)? Does your family know where you are at all times? When travelling, do you have an accountability partner who asks you hard questions?

ADVANCED QUESTION

What does the wayward woman mean when she says, “I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows” (7:14). According to the NET Bible, there are two possibilities here: 1) She brought an animal sacrifice to the temple and has leftover meat from that sacrifice at her house. Meat was a rare treat in this era. She’s trying to entice the young man with both sex and food. 2) She’s telling the simpleton that she’s ceremonially clean and ready for sex. Which interpretation is most viable to you? Is there a third option? Consult a study Bible or a commentary to help you answer this question.