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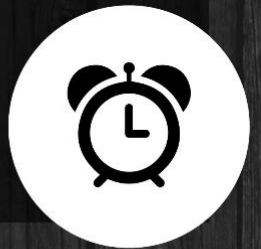
# Proverbs 5:1-23 (ESV)

My son be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding,<sup>2</sup> that you may keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.<sup>3</sup> For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil,<sup>4</sup> but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.



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<sup>5</sup> Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol; <sup>6</sup> she does not ponder the path of life; her ways wander and she does not know it. <sup>7</sup> And now, O sons, listen to me and do not depart from the words of my mouth. <sup>8</sup> Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, <sup>9</sup> lest you give your



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<sup>9</sup> honor to others and your years to the  
merciless, <sup>10</sup> lest strangers take their fill of your  
strength, and your labors go to the house of a  
foreigner, <sup>11</sup> and at the end of your life you  
groan, when your flesh and body are  
consumed, <sup>12</sup> and you say, “How I hated  
discipline, and my heart despised





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<sup>12</sup> reproof!” <sup>13</sup> I did not listen to the voice of my teachers, or incline my ear to my instructors.

<sup>14</sup> “I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation.” <sup>15</sup> Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. <sup>16</sup> Should Your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets?



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<sup>17</sup> Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. <sup>18</sup> Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, <sup>19</sup> a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. <sup>20</sup> Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden



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<sup>20</sup> woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress? <sup>21</sup> For a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths. <sup>22</sup> The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. <sup>23</sup> He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.





## **Proverbs 6:20-35 (ESV)**

**My son, keep you father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. <sup>21</sup> Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck. <sup>22</sup> When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. <sup>23</sup> For the commandment is a**



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<sup>23</sup> lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, <sup>24</sup> to preserve you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adulteress. <sup>25</sup> Do not desire her beauty in your heart, and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes; <sup>26</sup> for the price of a prostitute is only a loaf of



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<sup>26</sup> bread, but a married woman hunts down a precious life. <sup>27</sup> 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? <sup>29</sup> So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; none who touches her will go unpunished. <sup>30</sup> People do not



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<sup>30</sup> despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his appetite when he is hungry, <sup>31</sup> but if he is caught, he will pay sevenfold; he will give all the goods of his house. <sup>32</sup> He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself. <sup>33</sup> He will get wounds and dishonor, and his disgrace will not be



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<sup>33</sup> wiped away. <sup>34</sup> For jealousy makes a man furious, and he will not spare when he takes revenge. <sup>35</sup> He will accept no compensation; he will refuse though you multiply gifts.





# Proverbs 7:1-27 (ESV)

My son, keep my words and treasure up my commandments with you; <sup>2</sup> keep my commandments and live; keep my teaching as the apple of your eye; <sup>3</sup> bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,” and call insight your intimate friend,



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<sup>5</sup> to keep you from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words. <sup>6</sup> 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



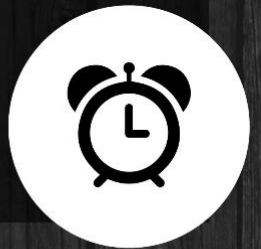
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<sup>8</sup> to her house <sup>9</sup> in the twilight, in the evening,  
at the time of night and darkness. <sup>10</sup> And  
behold, the woman meets him, dressed as a  
prostitute, wily of heart. <sup>11</sup> She is loud and  
wayward; her feet do not stay at home; <sup>12</sup> now  
in the street, now in the market, and at  
every corner she lies in wait. <sup>13</sup> She seizes



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<sup>13</sup> him and kisses him, and with bold face she says to him, <sup>14</sup> “I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows; <sup>15</sup> so now I have come out to meet you, to seek you eagerly, and I have found you. <sup>16</sup> I have spread my couch with coverings, colored linens from Egyptian linen; <sup>17</sup> I have perfumed my bed



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<sup>17</sup> with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. <sup>18</sup> Come, let us take our fill of love till morning; let us delight ourselves with love. <sup>19</sup> For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey; <sup>20</sup> he took a bag of money with him; at full moon he will come home.” <sup>21</sup> With much seductive speech she persuades him; with





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<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> And now, O sons, listen to me, and be attentive to the words of my



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<sup>24</sup> mouth. <sup>25</sup> Let not your heart turn aside to her ways; do not stray into her paths, <sup>26</sup> for many a victim has she laid low, and all her slain are a mighty throng. <sup>27</sup> Her house is the way to Sheol, going down to the chambers of death.



**Culture undervalues and  
overvalues sex.**

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**“To have a sexual relationship with somebody is to give physical expression to what is meant to be a covenanted relationship – that is, stable, faithful, permanent. To say physically, ‘I am giving myself to you,’ while emotionally and spiritually holding back from covenant commitment is in fact to live a lie – a split in the personality which is**

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**ultimately stressful and destructive.”**

**–David Atkinson**

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**Sexual sin always overpromises  
and under delivers.**

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**“Our fears and inner barrenness  
make love a narcotic, a way to  
medicate ourselves, and addicts  
always make foolish, destructive  
choices.” –Tim Keller**

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**Wisdom necessitates both  
avoiding immorality and  
treasuring God supremely.**

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**Discipline is the key to not falling  
prey to sex and beauty.**

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**“Most people, if they have really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise. The longings which arise in us when we first fall in love, or first**

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**think of some foreign country, or first take up some subject that excites us, are longings which no marriage, no travel, no learning, can satisfy...The wife may be a good wife, and the hotels and scenery may have been excellent, and chemistry may be a very interesting job: but something has evaded us.” -C.S. Lewis**

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# Proverbs 5:18-19 (ESV)

Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, <sup>19</sup> a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.



**Christian, you have the perfect  
husband.**

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**“Faith...unites the soul with Christ, as a bride is united with her bridegroom. From such a marriage, as St. Paul says, it follows that Christ and the believer...hold all things in common, whether for better or worse. This means that what Christ possesses belongs to the believer, and what the believer possesses belongs to Christ. Thus Christ possesses**

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**all good things and holiness; these now belong to the believer. The believer possesses lots of vices and sins; these now belong to Christ...Now is not this a happy business? Christ, the rich, noble, and holy bridegroom, takes in marriage this poor, contemptible, and sinful little prostitute, takes away all her evil and bestows all his goodness upon her! It is no longer**

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**possible for sin to overwhelm her, for she is now found in Christ.” –Martin Luther**

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**We are the bride of Christ.**

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