



Fidelity

Proverbs :15-23



introduction

Wisdom is the factual knowledge and the situational insight and the necessary resolve *that together* will succeed in attaining a good outcome.
(Piper)



Pro 5:15-19

Water = quenching one's sexual thirst

Cistern = wife... satisfying one's sex drive

“Lust makes the heart hot and thirsty: God therefore sends men to this well, to this cistern.” (Trapp)



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*“Solomon compares enjoying married love to drinking pure water from a fresh well, but committing sexual sin is like drinking polluted water from the gutter or sewer.... To commit sexual sin is to pour this beautiful river into the streets and the public squares. What waste!”
(Wiersbe)*



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“The adulterer watches the river turn into a sewer, but the faithful husband sees the water become wine!” (Wiersbe)



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- 1. Sex can improve with time.**
- 2. Cuddling comes naturally.**
- 3. Peace of mind about STDs**
- 4. Freedom from relentless beauty rituals.**
- 5. Monogamy is good for the world.**
- 6. Monogamy is meaningful.**



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“ ‘Loyalty.’ ‘Trust.’ ‘Fidelity.’ ‘Honor.’ ‘Respect.’ These are all just words, until your actions either give them power and importance or deflate them (and make them meaningless)...monogamy's meaning expands with each day that you and your partner commit to it. And that's some pretty powerful stuff.”



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- Ways: literally the (wagon) tracks made by constant use; a better everyday term would be 'habits'."
- *"Here, as everywhere, wisdom consists in recognizing that human life is ever under the observation, and within the government, of Jehovah." (Morgan)*



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“In other words, if the young man is not captivated by his wife but becomes captivated with a stranger in sinful acts, then his own iniquities will captivate him; and he will be led to ruin.” (Ross)



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