



infidelity

Proverbs 7



Call to the Word

Psa 119:17-24



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**Deal bountifully with Your servant,
That I may live and keep Your word.**

**Open my eyes, that I may see
Wondrous things from Your law.**

***I am* a stranger in the earth; Do not
hide Your commandments from me.**



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Psa 119:17-24

My soul breaks with longing For Your judgments at all times.

**You rebuke the proud—the cursed,
Who stray from Your commandments.**

**Remove from me reproach and contempt,
For I have kept Your testimonies.**



Princes also sit *and* speak against me,
But Your servant meditates on Your
statutes.

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Psa 119:17-24

**Your testimonies also *are* my delight
And my counselors. The first nine
chapters of Proverbs deal with two
subjects: wisdom and women.**



introduction



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Adultery and fornication: Why are states rushing to get these outdated laws off the books?

Why? Take a look at the Supreme Court.



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*“People who have faith often use it
(adultery websites) as an outlet for
forgiveness, so they’re more likely to
cheat and less likely to feel guilty.”
(Huffpost)*

*God has spoken on the issue of
adultery – He’s against it.*



Prepare for Battle

Proverbs 7:1-5



Proverbs
7:1-5

If a person **keeps** God's written **commands**, they will not carry out the sin of adultery—and the keeping of the commands begins with knowing them, treasuring them, meditating on them & obeying them.



Proverbs
7:1-5

Bind... Write them on the tablet of your heart:

IOW: give the truth of divine wisdom a permanent place in the mind and in conduct - have a living, breathing *relationship* with the word of God.



Heavenly wisdom is protective... “by arming thee against all objections... keeps thee out of the harlots’ paws.”

Proverbs
7:1-5



one unprepared

Proverbs 7:6-8



Proverbs
7:6-8

Simple: uneducated, in need of instruction – gullible in a dangerous way.

It is not only the young man who faces the challenge of purity; older men and women of every age have their own challenges to pure living.



Proverbs
7:6-8

People who wait to have sex until marriage:

- rated sexual quality 15% higher than people who had premarital sex
- rated relationship stability as 22% higher
- rated satisfaction with their relationships 20% higher

(Journal of Family Psychology)



Proverbs
7:6-8

V7: Devoid of understanding: empty headed

“How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.” (Ps119:9, NIV)



This one **leads *himself*** into temptation with sad and familiar results.

Proverbs
7:6-8

1Co 10:13

Mat 6:13

Jas 1:14-15



the contest

Proverbs 7:9-12



Proverbs
7:9-12

“Crafty”: ‘hidden’ – IOW: she hides her true intentions.

*“This is an unfair contest between the simple young man and the evil young woman who knows her goal but hides her true intentions.”
(unknown)*



Proverbs
7:9-12

“Loud and Rebellious”

*“The original meaning has in it the imagery of the stubborn cow (**Hosea 4:16**); she chafes at restraint and revolts against the rules of proper society.” (Waltke)*



“Lurking”

Providing an opportunity...

**Proverbs
7:9-12**



Proverbs
7:13-26

Caught and kissed him...

“Meet you... seek your face... found you!”

fill of love: “boil” with “affection”



Proverbs
7:13-26

V23: “...arrow struck his liver...”

Metaphorically refers to a mortal wound, as the liver represents the seat of life (Lam 2:11) and the bird is snared to be eaten (cf. Pro 6:26).



Proverbs
7:24-26

It is not just weak people who fall, but strong people in the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong thoughts for the wrong reasons.

1Co 10:7-12



Proverbs
7:27

“Her house is the way to hell...”

Echoes Pro 5:5 “...her feet go down to death...”

2Sam 11-12



Proverbs
7:27

“Count on it . . . he had sleepless nights. He could see his sin written across the ceiling of his room as he tossed and turned in bed. He saw it written across the walls. He saw it on the plate where he tried to choke down his meals. He saw it on the faces of his counselors. He was a miserable husband, an irritable father, a poor leader, and a song-less composer. He lived a lie but he couldn't escape the truth.” (Swindoll)



Proverbs
7:27

*“Cheating is easy. There's no swank to infidelity. To borrow against the trust someone has placed in you costs nothing at first. You get away with it, you take a little more and a little more until there is no more to draw on. Oddly, your hands should be full with all that taking but when you open them there's nothing there.”
(Winterson)*



Proverbs
7:27

“If we truly trace the root of infidelity, it will always go back to the condition of a man or woman’s heart and their relationship with God.”



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