

Why Should I Care About Moral Purity?

The Plan:

Sexual intimacy is intended to be an e_____, e_____ and e_____ expression of love between a husband and a wife.

The Problem:

When we r_____ sexual intimacy from the context of m_____, it brings pain and destruction.

The Path:

Before we ever make a decision that is morally w_____, we make decisions that are morally u_____.

Proverbs 5:15-19

¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.
¹⁶ Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares?
¹⁷ Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers.
¹⁸ May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.
¹⁹ A loving doe, a graceful deer – may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love.

Proverbs 6:27-29

²⁷ Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?
²⁸ Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?
²⁹ So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.

Proverbs 7:6-27

⁶ At the window of my house I looked out through the lattice.
⁷ I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who lacked judgment.
⁸ He was going down the street near her corner, walking along in the direction of her house ⁹ at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in.

¹⁰ Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent.
¹¹ (She is loud and defiant, her feet never stay at home; ¹² now in the street, now in the squares, at every corner she lurks.)

¹³ She took hold of him and kissed him and with a brazen face she said:

¹⁴ "I have fellowship offerings at home; today I fulfilled my vows.

¹⁵ So I came out to meet you; I looked for you and have found you!

¹⁶ I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt.

¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.

¹⁸ Come, let's drink deep of love till morning; let's enjoy ourselves with love!

¹⁹ My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey.

²⁰ He took his purse filled with money and will not be home till full moon."

²¹ With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk.

²² All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose ²³ till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life.

²⁴ Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say.

²⁵ Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths.

²⁶ Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng.

²⁷ Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.

Application:

(1) Adopt personal standards that will keep you far from the wrong pathways.

(2) If you are already on the path – take the nearest exit ramp

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