

The Way of Wisdom 5
Sex in the ~~City~~ Bible
Proverbs 5:1-5:23

The Warning (Proverbs 5:1-6)

What temptation promises is always better than what it really delivers.

This chapter is not blaming women for sexual temptation. This is a case study illustrating the power of sexual temptation.

The temptation to live outside of God's boundaries for sex always looks better than it really is.

The Consequences (Proverbs 5:7-14)

Twelve-step programmes will tell you "if you want to avoid a slip, don't go where it's slippery." If you do slip...

There are practical consequences. (verses 9-11)

There are emotional consequences. (verses 12-14)

When we step outside of God's boundaries for sex, we end up hurting ourselves and others.

The Alternative (Proverbs 5:15-19)

The Bible has a very positive view of sexuality... within the context of marriage.

According to verse 19, husbands and wives are supposed to be intoxicated with their passion for each other.

Wise living involves enjoying our sexuality within the covenant of marriage.

What if I'm single?

A Reality Check (Proverbs 5:20-23)

Like a mouse caught in a trap, venturing outside of God's boundaries is dangerous. We find ourselves tied to our sinful behaviour.

Our choices determine our destiny.

Conclusion

God's wisdom about sex goes against the grain of our society, but with the grain of God's creation.

If you've already strayed off the path, the Bible emphasizes the power of God to heal people who have chosen a pathway of self-destruction.

God will not erase the consequences of your choices. But calling on Christ can put you back on the pathway of wisdom that lives with the grain of God's world.