

WARNING AGAINST ADULTERY

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PROVERBS 5:1-12

My son, be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding, 2 that you may keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge. 3 For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, 4 but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol; 6 she does not ponder the path of life; her ways wander, and she does not know it. 7 And now, O sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. 8 Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, 9 lest you give your honor to others and your years to the merciless, 10 lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner, 11 and at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed, 12 and you say, "How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof!"

I. The warning of _____

Proverbs 5:3-6,2:16 6:24, 7:5, 7:21, 22:14, 30:20

II. The _____ you will pay

Proverbs 5:9-12, 1:7, 6:26, 8:36, 29:3

III. Be _____

Matthew 5:27-30, 1 Corinthians 6:18

If I committed adultery...

1. My relationship with God would suffer from a break in fellowship.
2. I would need to seek forgiveness from my Lord.
3. I would suffer from the emotional consequences of guilt.
4. I would spend countless hours replaying the failure.
5. My wife would suffer the scars of this abuse more deeply than I could begin to describe.
6. My wife would spend countless hours in counseling.
7. My wife's recovery would be long and painful.
8. Her pain would grieve me deeply and compound my own suffering and shame.
9. Our relationship would suffer a break in trust, fellowship, and intimacy.
10. We would be together, yet feel great loneliness.
11. The reputation of my family would suffer loss.
12. My sons would be deeply disappointed and bewildered.
13. My grandchildren would not understand.
14. My friends would be disappointed and would question my integrity.
15. I could lose my job.
16. My witness among neighbors would be ruined.
17. My testimony among my wife's family would be damaged.
18. I would suffer God's discipline.
19. Satan would be thrilled at my failure.
20. Satan would work overtime to be sure my shame never departed.
21. My wife might divorce me.
22. My children might never speak to me.
23. We could lose friendships.
24. I would bring emotional pain to the woman.
25. I would bring reproach upon the woman.
26. If the woman is married, her husband might attempt to bring harm.
27. He might divorce her.
28. An unwanted child could be produced.
29. My part in conception might trigger an abortion, the killing of an innocent child.
30. Disease might result.
31. Some might conclude that all Christians are hypocrites.
32. My business could fail because I couldn't be trusted.
33. My leadership among those I have led in the past might also be diminished in impact.
34. My zeal for ministry would suffer and possibly result in others not continuing in ministry.
35. My health would suffer.
36. I might have to start life over again.

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