

## Friday

Read Proverbs 9. The writer of Proverbs has already said that the immoral woman invites people to her house. Now he says that wisdom also invites us into her home. How is personifying wisdom as an attractive woman an effective literary device for the young men reading Proverbs?

How does wise living add years to your life? How does wise living reward you?

How is the temptation of “stolen water” and “secret food” still a temptation today?

*Ask God to help you “dine with wisdom” instead of sin.*

## Saturday

*Please pray for the services this weekend and catch up on any devotions you missed.  
Thanks!*



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PART 14

## Wise About Sex

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### Wise people understand three things about sexuality:

#### 1. We tend to undervalue \_\_\_\_\_

Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares? Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers. May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful deer — may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be intoxicated with her love. *Proverbs 5:15–19*

The Bible is more \_\_\_\_\_ than many imagine

There are three things that are too amazing for me, four that I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a young woman. *Proverbs 30:18–19*

This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth and says, “I’ve done nothing wrong.” *Proverbs 30:20*

Is my sexuality \_\_\_\_\_ -driven  
or \_\_\_\_\_ -driven?

#### 2. We tend to overvalue \_\_\_\_\_

Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion. *Proverbs 11:22*

Results of overvaluing physical beauty for women:

Results of overvaluing physical beauty for men:

See “Sex Is Cheap”, *Slate Magazine*, [www.slate.com/id/2286240/](http://www.slate.com/id/2286240/)

“The Porn Myth”, *New York Magazine*, [http://nymag.com/nymetro/news/trends/n\\_9437/](http://nymag.com/nymetro/news/trends/n_9437/)

### 3. We need to value the love of the \_\_\_\_\_

I saw a woman calling. . . “I have perfumed my bed. . . Come, let’s drink deeply of love till morning; let’s enjoy ourselves with love! . . . My husband is not at home.” . . . Her house is a highway to the grave. . . *Proverbs 7:17–19,27*

Does not wisdom call out? . . . Wisdom has built her house. . . She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her servants, and she calls. . . “Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. . .” *Proverbs 8:1;9:1–3,5*

#### **Jesus shows me love that goes beyond external beauty:**

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. *Isaiah 53:2*

#### **The solution is to know**

\_\_\_\_\_ **by God**

## Daily Meditations

### Monday

Read Song of Songs (sometimes referred to as Song of Solomon), chapter 7. This entire Bible book is a very sensual love poem of a new bride and groom to one another. Some may be surprised to find such erotic imagery in the Bible. What does such unashamed poetry about physical attraction suggest to you about God’s view of sex?

How is this different from what many would assume to be the Bible’s view? How is this different from our society’s view of sex?

What is the difference between unbiblical prudishness about sex and healthy holiness about sex?

*Ask God to help you have a healthy, holy view of God’s gift of sex, and not an unbiblical prudishness on one hand — or an unhealthy leering attitude on the other.*

### Tuesday

Read Proverbs 5. Remember, Proverbs was written as a guide to life for young men — but it doesn’t take much work to imagine similar warnings for women against wicked men. What does verse 6 say about the thinking and the direction of the immoral person?

What does verse 12 say that people will regret if they give over their lives to immorality? Why is discipline of our desires a good thing?

What does verse 22 say that wickedness and sin does to us? How does wickedness or sin ensnare or enslave?

*Ask God to help you develop discipline in your life in regard to all your desires.*

### Wednesday

Read Proverbs 6:20–35, and chapter 7. In verses 27 and 28, to what does the writer compare dabbling with sin? How is sexual sin like scooping fire into your lap?

In verse 25, where does an adulterous affair begin?

If the eyes and the heart are the key to living a pure life, then what can you put before your eyes and into your heart to better ensure your contentment and happiness?

Is there anything that strikes you in chapter 7? Why do you suppose that there is so much in the first few chapters of Proverbs about adultery and sexual sin — and then for the rest of the book, it’s rarely mentioned?

*Ask God to help you change the habits of your eyes and your heart. Take some time today to just give him thanks for beauty and blessing around you.*

### Thursday

Read Ephesians 5:25–33. In this passage on marriage, Paul says the most profound mystery is the love of Christ for the church. How is Christ’s love for us like a good husband’s love for his bride?

How can Christ’s love — when it really captivates your heart — be the key to freedom from unwise decisions related to love and sex? Why do you think more people don’t have a sense of the love of God for them?

*Thank God for the unconditional love He shows to you through Jesus Christ!*



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and may you rejoice  
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*Proverbs 5:19*