



Warning Against Pornography and Any Form of Sexual Unfaithfulness

An Exposition of Proverbs 5

INTRODUCTION

- Keeping Your Promise in a World that Doesn't Know How...
- Living in Faithfulness - Mind, Heart & Body
- **Hedges:** Loving Your marriage Enough to Protect It!
- To surround, enclose or encircle in order to restrict, limit or hinder in or out movement thus protecting what's inside through preventing what's outside the hedge...thus
- ... a **Hedge** of Protection.

Warning 1 - Maintain Discretion

- ¹ My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight,
² that you may *maintain discretion* and your lips may preserve knowledge.

Warning 2 - Master Temptations

- ³ For the lips of an adulteress *drip honey*, and her speech is *smoother* than oil;
⁴ but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword.
⁵ Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.
⁶ She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not..

Warning 3 - Measurable Distance

- ⁷ Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say.
⁸ *Keep to a path far* from her, *do not go near* the door of her house,

Warning 4 - Mistaken Freedom

- ⁹ lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel,
¹⁰ lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house.
¹¹ At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent.

Warning 5 - Mutual Accountability

- ¹² You will say, "How I *hated discipline!* How *my heart spurned correction!*
¹³ I would *not obey my teachers* or *listen to my instructors.*

Warning 6 - Misleading Reputation

- ¹⁴ I have come to the brink of *utter ruin* in the midst of the *whole assembly.*"

Warning 7 - Marital Faithfulness

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.*

Warning 8 - Meaningful Intimacy

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.

Warning 9 - Mental Fidelity

¹⁹ A loving doe, a graceful deer- may *her* breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by *her* love. ²⁰ Why *be captivated, my son, by an adulteress?* Why embrace the bosom of *another man's wife?*

Warning 10 - Monitored Actions

²¹ For a man's ways are in *full view* of the Lord, and he *examines all* his paths.

Warning 11 - Marginal Recovery

²² The evil deeds of a wicked man *ensnare him*; the cords of his sin *hold him fast*.

Warning 12 - Major Disaster

²³ He *will die* for lack of discipline, *led astray by his own great folly.*

Wise Hedges in Building Sexual Faithfulness...

- Relational Boundaries between You and the Opposite Sex
- Genuine Accountability to a Good and Godly Man
- Digital Limits - Give up any and all Tempting Phone Apps
- Emotional Pre-cautions - Avoid any flirting, sexual jokes and private relationships
- Porn Blockers – Use “Covenant Eyes” on all devices
- Technological Transparency - Full Disclosure of Passwords - NO Secrets
- Work Your Recovery Program - ReGroup, The Final Freedom, Phone Calls, Dailies
- Scriptural Vibrancy - Do all you can to Grow in your Faith.

Boys Make Excuses - Men Make Changes!