June 26, 2019 "Moral Integrity and Honoring God" Proverbs 5-6 Tim Young

Proverbs 5:1-14 (HCSB)

- 1. Solomon desires his son to live prudently, without regrets.
 - Solomon's warning against seduction:
 - Physical pleasure outside God's design goes from sweetness to bitterness
 - Sweetness
 - Lips that drip honey
 - Words smoother than oil
 - Bitterness in the end
 - Bitter as wormwood and as sharp as a two-edged sword
 - Her feet lead to death and her steps straight to Sheol.
 - The experience goes from gain to loss
 - Schemes of the devil always include deception
 - If we saw the fallout we would never take the bait
 - J Allen Peterson calls this "the myth of greener pastures"
 - Results of this ideology are explosive and may last generations
 - Destroys self, spouse, kids, parents, churches
 - Often results in financial ruin
 - Lifetime of regrets and brokenness

Proverbs 5:15-23 (HCSB)

2. Immorality pollutes purity

- Purity of marriage is within the confines of God's design and is there to protect His people.
 - o "Drink water from your own cistern, water flowing from your own well"
- Once polluted it is like drinking from a gutter in a city square
 - o Equivalent of drinking from sewer water
 - These waters may quench our thirst, but they also bring poison, disease and debris in our lives

- "Let your fountain be blessed and take pleasure of the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful fawn..." Proverbs 5:18-19a (HCSB)
 - When a husband and wife pursue the Lord, each other and a biblical relationship they will find satisfaction and a deepening joy in each other and themselves.
- If we expect purity and faithfulness from our spouse, why would we pardon ourselves from the same standard?

Purity and pursuit of godliness are imperative to a satisfying marriage.

Proverbs 6

- 3. Failure and suffering from poor moral character
 - Financial Entanglements
 - Laziness
 - Maliciousness
 - Things the Lord Hates
 - Arrogance
 - Lying
 - Hands that shed innocent blood
 - A wicked heart
 - Eagerness to run to evil
 - A lying witness which gives false testimony
 - One who stirs up trouble
 - Adultery

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