

3. Living wisely is a _____



WISDOM from PROVERBS

Part 2

Fool Proofing Your Sexuality

Proverbs 5

⁹ Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people — none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. ¹¹ Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:9 – 11 – NLT)

⁸ If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. (1 John 1:8 & 9 – NLT)

¹ My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, ² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding — ³ indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, ⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, ⁸ for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

⁹ Then you will understand what is right and just and fair — every good path.

¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. ¹¹ Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. (Proverbs 2:1 – 11)

¹ My son, pay attention to my wisdom, turn your ear to my words of insight, ² that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge. ³ For the lips of the adulterous woman 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 wander aimlessly, but she does not know it.

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, ⁹ lest you lose your honor to others and your dignity to one who is cruel, ¹⁰ lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich the house of another. ¹¹ At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. ¹² You will say, “How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! ¹³ I would not obey my teachers or turn my ear to my instructors. ¹⁴ And I was soon in serious trouble in the assembly of God's people.”

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. 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 intoxicated with her love. ²⁰ Why, my son, be intoxicated with another man's wife? Why embrace the bosom of a wayward woman?

²¹ For your ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all your paths. ²² The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them; the cords of their sins hold them fast. ²³ For lack of discipline they will die, led astray by their own great folly. (NIV)

Proverbs 3:13 – 18 – ¹³ Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, ¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. ¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. ¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. ¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. ¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed. (NIV)

Sex is not a _____

It is designed by God to _____ a husband and wife together

Matthew 19:4 – 6 – ⁴ . . . at the beginning the Creator “made them male and female,” ⁵ and said, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate. (NIV)

Genesis 2:18 – The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” (NIV)

It is designed by God to _____ into the world

Genesis 1:28 – Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

It is designed by God _____ by both partners

Song of Solomon 4:10 – 16

It is designed by God _____ about God

*Genesis 1:27 – So God created mankind in his own image, in the **image of God** he created them; **male and female** he created them. (NIV)*

THREE LIES:

LIE # 1. A marriage is only as good as its _____

LIE # 2. _____ is the _____ of human life

LIE # 3. Sex can be _____ without negative consequences.

⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. (Galatians 6:7 & 8 – ESV)

THREE LESSONS:

1. Sexual pleasure is _____

Proverbs 5:15 – 19 – ¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well . . . 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 intoxicated with her love. (NIV)

2. Marriage is a picture of God’s _____ for us

*Deuteronomy 7:7 – 8 – ⁷ The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the LORD **loved you and kept the oath** he swore to your ancestors . . . (NIV)*

Deuteronomy 6:4 & 5 – ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Jeremiah 3:19 – 20 – ¹⁹ I myself said, “How gladly would I treat you like my children and give you a pleasant land, the most beautiful inheritance of any nation.” I thought you would call me “Father” and not turn away from following me. ²⁰ But like a woman unfaithful to her husband, so you, Israel, have been unfaithful to me,” declares the LORD.