

Solomon's Warning in Proverbs 7

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Introduction:

One subject Solomon addressed a number of times in *Proverbs* (2, 5, 6, 7, 22) is that of adultery. Through out the Bible we see God condemns sexual immorality. Fornication is one type of sexual immorality where people not married have sexual relations, adultery is where one or both are married and engage in a sexual relationship outside of marriage. *Exodus 20.14* condemns this as does *Hebrews 13.4*. We want to look primarily at *Proverbs 7* but pull in a couple of other passages in our study.

I) *Proverbs 7.6-7*

A) **Solomon looks out to the street**

1. He sees a simple youth lacking in understanding.
2. He is naïve - does not have the experience or knowledge that will tell him what will happen if he gives in to temptation.

B) **We have to learn from the mistakes of others or we are doomed to make them ourselves.**

1. In the 1960's the sexual revolution - free love was advocated, casting off old values and ideas.
 - a. The birth control pill supposedly removed the danger of pregnancy so that generation was not the first to be immoral but it was perhaps the first to think there would be no consequences.

- b. At the same time drugs such as pot or Mary Jane, heroine, morphine, etc. became more assessible. Turn on and drop out became the slogan.
2. The attitude was summed up in "Don't trust anyone over 30 years old."
3. The idea is don't listen to advice, instruction, or warnings from anyone older.
4. They did not consider God's word in any of this.

II) The Mistakes of Youth

A) In a place he ought not to have been, *v. 8-9*

1. Street corner near her house, in the twilight of the evening.
2. Where you are physically often tells where you are spiritually. Peter was afar off, *Luke 22.54-58*
3. In the twilight, around dark or just before dark.
4. Some sins are committed more at certain times of the day or night. *1 Thess. 5.7* darkness used to hide what is happening. Someone said that nothing good happens after midnight.
5. Certain places are just bad - being alone with the wife of someone else, being in a secluded place with a date, etc.

B) He was enticed by her seductive nature, *v. 10-20*

1. Seduction a tempting or attractive thing. A pretty woman, a handsome man.
2. She uses her words - what she says and how she says it. *Pro. 22.14*

3. With her attire - clothing is advertising, there are clothes that reveals too much, too tight, sends a sexual message.
4. She is unrelenting - will not give up, especially in his presence, he is there. *2 Timothy 2.22*.
 - a. "Seduction was both a science and art, a blend of skill, discipline, proximity, and opportunity. Mostly proximity." (Dan Simmons)
 - b. "Seduction brings forth death" (Monaluna)

C) Promise of reward (pleasure) without seeing the cost, *v. 21-22*.

1. Sex without consequences
 - a. A willing partner
 - b. No string attached, no commitment
 - c. No one will know, not the husband.
2. Think King David and Bathsheba.
3. The Lord knows - death is always a consequence of sin unless forgiven.
4. Other consequences - lower self-esteem, reputation harmed, diseases, etc.
5. The husband may find out, *Proverbs 6.27*.

Letter to newspaper advice column where a woman's husband was in rehab and she went out to eat with one of his friends. They started drinking, were alone, and committed adultery. She is now pregnant. Concerned because she was

sure everybody at her husband's work place knew. The timing of the pregnancy meant it wasn't his child. Now she wanted a solution.

D) The end result, v. 23-27

1. He is like a poor animal about to be slaughtered.
2. Sin brings about death. *James 1.13-15*
 - a. “Don't go chasing waterfalls” by TLC had a part about a young man with AIDS. *Pro. 5.4-5*

II) Apply This to Other Sins

A) A person being in the wrong place - drugs, stealing, lying, etc.

1. A naïve person is unaware of the danger of being where drugs are used, does not understand its addictive nature, how it destroys both body and soul.
2. Hears the warnings but dismisses them as being exaggerations.
3. Goes to a place where drugs are used, a party, or a dealer is nearby.
4. Hears them talk about the pleasure of having a good time of being high.
5. Promise of being accepted and no one will know.
6. The end result is addiction, separation from family, loss of possessions, reputation, and even death.