

Keeping Yourself From Adultery

Text: **Proverbs 5:1-7**

Introduction:

1. God looks upon adultery as a dreadful sin that separates one from one's true love.
 - a. Not only in the physical marriage (when both are to remain faithful to each other for life) but also spiritually (once one becomes a Christian, their true love and allegiance is to be to Jesus Christ for life).
 - b. Yes, one's vows mean something to God, rather it is the vows given to each other in marriage or to the vows that one makes to God when they become a Christian – yes, vows are made to God when one becomes a Christian – one vows to love God and remain faithful until the end -- " *'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. This is the great and foremost commandment.*" – **Matthew 22:37-38**.
2. God's word, in His Great Wisdom, contains the instructions on how to abstain from adultery; rather it is physical or spiritual.
3. In the first seven verses of chapter five of Proverbs, Solomon, has given us some inspired words from God on how to abstain from adultery. Tonight we are going to look at the first instructions given in that we must **GIVE ATTENTION**, or **PAY ATTENTION (to wisdom and to understanding)**, knowing that we can succumb to the temptations of adultery.

I. To wisdom

A. In making wise choices with the knowledge given

1. In choosing a mate that you will be married to the rest of your life.
2. Wisely making the decision that your mate is the one that you chose and that you promised to love till death do you part.
3. Understanding that *'unwise* choices in the marriage can bring heartache, constant battling, physical abuse and even divorce – a separation from one you *'promised to love through thick and thin, through illness and with great joy.* (**v4-7**)

B. The wisdom in recognizing an adulterous woman (**v3**)

1. Realizing that she is just after the lust of the flesh, not caring about anything else – an example is Potiphar's wife in **Genesis 39:7** when she tried to seduce Joseph "*It came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me."*
2. Not only having the wisdom to recognize an adulterous woman but to have the **intestinal fortitude and courage** to say the same thing that Joseph did to this adulterous woman, "*How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"* – **Genesis 39:9**

C. The same is in the spiritual realm in making wise choices with the knowledge given.

1. When you become a Christian, you **have made** a decision that you will be a Christian **the rest of your life**.
2. Wisely making the decision that you will **love God** with all your **heart, soul and mind**.
3. Understanding that *'Unwise* choices in your Christianity can lead to some dire consequences (**for all of eternity if one does not repent – eternal damnation in hell**) "*For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the*

flesh reap corruption” – Galatians 6:8; “BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.” – Hebrews 10:38

D. The wisdom in recognizing a false god or a false ‘WAY to God.

1. This wisdom is gained from knowledge of God’s word and His plan (not man’s), His Doctrine (not man’s), His Way (not man’s), His Authority (not man’s) and His Plan (not man’s) for saving us from the wrath to come.
2. We are to be aware of those who attempt by charismatic words, illusions, golden tongues, sly tongues who attempt to either lure us away from the true God in order to worship their god – one who cannot save, “*They bow down, indeed they worship it. They lift it upon the shoulder and carry it; They set it in its place and it stands there. It does not move from its place. Though one may cry to it, it cannot answer; It cannot deliver him from his distress....*”*Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me” – Isaiah 46:6-9*
3. Not only are we to be aware of those who worship a false god, we are to be aware to those who **DO NOT** teach the whole oracles of God in all matters of faith, especially in the plan of salvation, for there are multitudes out there in the world that **DO NOT** teach the plan of salvation that God has given to man, but only parts of it thinking (**by man’s estimation**) that they will somehow inherit eternal life, even though **God demands obedience to His commands** (*And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, - Hebrews 5:9*) and there is no other way to God except through Christ. “*Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."* **John 14:6**; because someday “*the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus” – **2 Thessalonians 1:7-8***
4. Yes, folks there is only one **TRUE** Way to God, not many as the religious world would have you believe, “*There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*” – **Ephesians 4:4-6**; for Jesus said in **Matthew 7:13-14**, “*Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.*”
 - a. It is imperative that each and every one of us believe that God says what He means and means what He says **for our eternal destination depends up it.**

II. To understanding.

- A. That it is **God who instituted marriage between one man and one woman** and it is meant to be filled with joy – both man and woman **must work at their marriage** to be a *successful marriage*.
1. Understanding that since marriage comes from God that it is to **be holy and without blemish**, as the case of wondering eyes looking upon other men or women that appear to be more beautiful than your own mate. Remember the old cliché that *beauty is only skin deep*.
 2. An understanding that you, yourself have promised before God to love and to cherish till death comes.
 3. An understanding that even though there may be some bumps in a marriage, they **do not** have to become mountains. Looking outside the marriage to another partner **has never solved anything**, and by knowing this, one will grow in love and fondness to their mate that they have promised to love and cherish the rest of their life.
- B. The same as when one becomes a Christian – God has meant one’s life is to be filled with joy for it is one of the fruit of the Spirit, “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy...*” – **Galatians 5:22-23**; and as in a marriage, one **must work at their Christianity** in order for one to be spiritually successful.
1. An **understanding** that Christianity is **not something** that can be used for a little while than thrown away, going to other religions or to others that do not teach the whole oracles of God.
 - a. **Understanding** that it is for our own good that we do remain faithful to the one who has called us out of this world of sin into a kingdom that will last forever (eternal).
 - b. **Understanding** that God has never liked spiritual adultery (*an example is the Israelites who were constantly committing spiritual adultery with other god’s throughout the Old Testament, and the consequences of their actions*). God looks upon spiritual adultery that same today, we will reap what we sow, either in the flesh or the spirit, and it is up to us.
 - c. **Understanding** that **God is a very jealous God** by telling the Hebrews children in Exodus 20:5 about them not returning to Egypt and their false gods “*You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,* and in **Exodus 34:14** “*-for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God—*”.
 - d. **Understanding** that God is a Jealous God that “*It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*” – **Hebrews 10:31**

Conclusion:

1. Today, as we look out into the world seeing all of the heartaches, pains, abuse, sexual immorality and other maladies associated with marriage’s falling apart and with the lack of total commitment between man and wife, we see such a great need that God’s laws concerning marriage be applied to one’s life and adultery could be a thing of the past – but, **it takes a total commitment between the marriage couple to be successful** – and yes, God has the answers for He must be in the center of the marriage.
2. The same thing can be said about the spiritual end of one’s Christian walk in the committing adulterous affairs with false gods, false teachings and ‘*dancing with the enemy so to speak (in attendance in their worship)*’, thinking that there is a better way than God has provided, something that is more appealing, less strenuous or with no effort to be applied by the person

involved. God calls it all vain, Jesus calls it vanity, for we must worship Him in Spirit and Truth, for there is no other way. We must totally commit ourselves to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by keeping our focus on Him rather than what the rest of the world is doing (to their own demise). It is up to **you** (*and only you*), are **you** going to remain faithful to the One who died for **you**, to set you free?