

# Ancient wisdom that works today

## Proverbs 6:20 – 7:27 – Sex Matters

1. It is life and death! 6:20 - 35
  - Adultery will cost you everything
  - What is unwise can look good
  - ‘Corrections of discipline are the way to life’ verse 23
  - 5:6 ‘She gives no thought to the way of life’
  - You will not get away without being burned verse 27
  - The offense cannot be undone verse 34
  - The shame will never be wiped away verse 33
2. The simple 7:7
  - A person who is keeping his options open (peti)
  - Uncommitted to wisdom – Exploring life but undecided.
    - 1:32 The waywardness of the simple will kill them
    - 14:15 The simple believe anything – Respons-able
    - 14:18 The simple inherit folly
3. How sexual temptation works
  - It looks attractive but reveals nothing of the heart verse 10
    - All the appearance of relationship – no heart sharing
  - It sounds attractive 14 - 20
    - Fellowship offerings, I looked for you!
    - Luxury and airbrushed relationship
    - You won’t get caught verse 19 – 20
4. The consequences 21 – 27
  - We cannot sin without regret
  - An ox to the slaughter
  - It will cost him his life – ‘make a decision against yourself’
  - Many are the victims she has brought down.
5. Wisdom’s answer
  - United with Christ 1 Corinthians 6: 15 – 17
  - United with Christ Ephesians 5: 31 - 32

## Digging Deeper

Read Proverbs 6: 20 - 35

1. How does God's word guide us towards life in all its fullness?
2. What steps are we encouraged to take in verses 20 – 22? What does this look like in our daily living?
3. What are the descriptions given in verse 23 where else do we read words like this?
4. What are the warnings given and how do we teach them in today's liberal culture?

Read Proverbs 7: 1 - 27

1. What does proverbs mean when it talks about 'The Simple'?
2. In what ways might we be described as simple?
3. Why do we find it so hard to see long term consequences?
4. Why do we think it won't happen to us?

Pray for our young people

Pray for the marriages in the church

Pray for those who are single

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/good-lovemaking-is-about-god>

is an interesting and helpful article well worth reading.