

## Proverbs 5-7 — WARNINGS AGAINST FOLLY

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### **Proverbs 5 — BEWARE OF THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN**

*Warning: This chapter is rated PG-13 for allusions to physical intimacy. Read with caution.*

5:3-6 — According to these verses, what is dangerous about the adulterous (forbidden) woman?

5:8 — What is the best way to avoid the adulterous woman's trap?

5:9-14 — What might a young man lose if he chases after an adulteress?

5:15-20 — Proverbs 5 warns young men to stay away from the adulterous woman. What does it advise them to do instead?

5:21-23 — What does the Lord have to do with a man's decisions regarding sexual discretion and indiscretion?

### **Proverbs 6:1-5 — BEWARE OF PUTTING UP SECURITY FOR ANOTHER PERSON**

6:1 — What does it mean to "put up security for your neighbor" or to "give your pledge for a stranger"?

- What dangers are involved in such a commitment?

6:3-5 — What does Proverbs recommend that one caught in such a situation do? Why?

### **Proverbs 6:6-11 — BEWARE OF LAZINESS**

6:9-11 — What danger(s) of laziness does Proverbs warn the sluggard about here?

6:6-8 — What does Proverbs encourage the sluggard to do in order to learn diligence?

- What benefits are implied in these verses, if a sluggard learns how to work diligently?

**Proverbs 6:12-15 — BEWARE OF A DECEITFUL PERSON**

6:14 — What are the goals of this person?

6:15 — What will happen to this person in the end?

**Proverbs 6:16-19 — BEWARE OF THESE 7 SINS**

List these 7 sins that the Lord hates (and don't do them!):

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**Proverbs 6:20-35 — BEWARE OF THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN**

6:24-25 — What about this woman might an unwary man find alluring?

6:26-35 — What danger does the adulterous woman's husband represent to the unwary man who is enticed by her?

6:30-33 — True or False: It's better to be a thief who steals out of hunger than a man who commits adultery with another man's wife. \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

**Proverbs 7 — BEWARE OF THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN**

• Why do you think Proverbs spends so much time warning youths against adultery?

7:7 — What did the young man in this story lack? \_\_\_\_\_

7:10-17 — Circle the physical senses that the adulterous woman appeals to as she entices this young man. (Consider her mention of sacrifices offered to mean she has freshly-cooked meat available at home.)

*sight*

*smell*

*sound*

*taste*

*touch*

7:13-20 — In what other ways does the adulterous woman try to seduce this young man?

7:10-20 — What signs should have warned the young man to stay away (if he'd had any sense)?

7:22-27 — Proverbs describes the fate of the senseless man who commits adultery as death! Why?

• Consider Genesis 2:18-25. What do that passage and these warnings about the adulterous woman (not to mention the senseless man) teach us about how God views marriage? What do they teach us about how we ought to conduct ourselves in marriage?