**As for me and my house – Pr. 5: 3 -4**

**Focal Truth: Godly parents avoid sexual sin & teach their children to avoid sexual sin**

As parents have you talked with your children about the power & danger of sexual sin

Are you living today in sexual sin?

Have you recently been tempted to commit sexual sin?

Do you understand the power of sexual sin to destroy your marriage & family?

Did you know that God has designed sexual relationships only for people who are married?

Did you know that sexual relationships outside of marriage are sexual sins?

Adultery is sin against God & others

Ex. 20:14 – You shall not commit adultery

Ex. 20:17 – You shall not covet your neighbor’s house, you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife…

Matt. 5:28 – everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart

Adultery is a sexual relationship of a married person with someone other than their husband or wife

God has designed sexual relationships only for husbands & wives in a marriage relationship

**Observations**

1. **Godly parents avoid the temptations to sexual sin & teach their children to avoid them 5:3**
2. The adulteress words are sweet & attractive – *the lips of the adulteress drip honey*
3. The adulteress words are flattering - *smoother than oil is her speech*

2:16 – *the adulteress who flatters with her words*

7:5 – *to keep you from an adulteress, the foreigner who flatters with her words*

1. The adulteress is strangely attractive – *a woman dressed as a harlot and cunning in heart* – Pr. 7:10

Pr. 2:16 – *to deliver you from the strange woman*

Pr. 7:21 – *with her many persuasions she entices him, with her flattering lips she seduces him*

1. **Godly parents know the bitterness & danger of committing sexual sin & teach their children about the bitterness & danger of it – 5:4**
2. The end of an adulteress relationship is bitterness – *in the end she is bitter as wormwood*

Eccl. 7:26 – I discovered more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares & nets, whose hands are chains. One who is pleasing to God will escape from her, but the sinner will be captured by her.

1. The end of an adulteress relationship is dangerous & costly – *sharp as a two – edged sword*

Pr. 7: 22 – 23 – *suddenly he follows her as an ox goes to slaughter, or as one in fetters to the discipline of a fool, until an arrow pierces through his liver, as a bird hastens to the snare, so he does not know that it will cost him his life*

1. The end of an adulteress relationship is deadly – *her feet go down to death, her steps take hold of Sheol. She does not ponder the path of life, her ways are unstable, she does not know it.*

The adulterer walks on the path of death

The adulterer does not think about the consequences of adultery

The adulterer is unstable & ignores the terrible results of their sexual sin

1. **Godly parents understand that sexual sin leaves life – long consequences & teach their children this truth – 5:8 -14**
2. The godly parent warns their children to stay away from the house of adultery – 5:8

*Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house*

The door of adultery is listening to flattering words of a stranger

The door of adultery is being attracted by the stranger’s kindness & attractiveness

The door of adultery is yielding to the enticement of sexual sin

1. Adultery takes away life from the adulterer – 5:9 – *you will give your vigor to others, and your years to the cruel one.*
2. Adultery gives your hard work to strangers – 5:10 – *strangers will be filled with your strength & your hard - earned goods will go to the house of an alien*
3. Adultery produces sadness & regret – 5:11 – 13 – *you groan at your final end, when your flesh and your body are consumed, and you say How I have hated instruction! And my heart spurned reproof! I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to my instructors!*
4. Adultery brings public shame – 5:14 – *I was almost in utter ruin, in the midst of the assembly and congregation*

NLT – *I have come to the brink of utter ruin, and now I must face public disgrace*

**Things to Remember**

1. Do not go near the house of adultery – 5:8 – *do not go near the door of her house*
2. Adultery starts in the heart – Matt. 15:19 – *out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications…*
3. Adultery happens when we are attracted & yield to the flattering, attractive stranger
4. Uncontrolled sexual desires lead to sexual sin – 1 Pet. 2:11 – *abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war on against the soul*
5. You cannot coverup adultery! Everyone will know about it!

**Daily Use – Family Challenges**

1. Remove yourself from dangerous relationships that tempt you to sexual sin
2. Resist the stranger who flatters you & tells you things that are pleasing to you
3. Talk to your children about the importance of faithfulness in marriage
4. Flee youthful lusts – 2 Tim. 2:22