

## Sexuality Part Two: Adultery

*Scripture: Proverbs 6:20 – 7:27*

**Proverbs 6: 20** My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. **21** Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck.

**22** When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. **23** For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and correction and instruction are the way to life, **24** keeping you from your neighbor's wife, from the smooth talk of a wayward woman. **25** Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes. **26** For a prostitute can be had for a loaf of bread, but another man's wife preys on your very life. **27** Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? **28** Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? **29** So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished. **30** People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his hunger when he is starving. **31** Yet if he is caught, he must pay sevenfold, though it costs him all the wealth of his house. **32** But a man who commits adultery has no sense; whoever does so destroys himself. **33** Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away. **34** For jealousy arouses a husband's fury, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge. **35** He will not accept any compensation; he will refuse a bribe, however great it is.

**Proverbs 7: 1** My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. **2** Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. **3** Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. **4** Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and to insight, "You are my relative." **5** They will keep you from the adulterous woman, from the wayward woman with her seductive words. **6** At the window of my house I looked down through the lattice. **7** I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young man a youth who had no sense. **8** He was going down the street near her corner, walking along in the direction of her house **9** at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in. **10** Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent. **11** (She is unruly and defiant, her feet never stay at home; **12** now in the street, now in the squares, at every corner she lurks.) **13** She took hold of him and kissed him and with a brazen face she said: **14** "Today I fulfilled my vows, and I have food from my fellowship offering at home. **15** So I came out to meet you; I looked for you and have found you! **16** I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt. **17** I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. **18** Come, let's drink deeply of love till morning; let's enjoy ourselves with love! **19** My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey. **20** He took his purse filled with money and will not be home till full moon." **21** With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk. **22** All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose **23** till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life. **24** Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say. **25** Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths. **26** Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. **27** Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.

I. Affairs happen as a result of unfulfilled \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Affairs have drastic \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Affairs can be \_\_\_\_\_.