

Affair Proofing Your Marriage 5-06-2007

Prov 15:17

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Prov 21:9

Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.

Prov 12:18

Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Prov 17:28

Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise

Prov 10:19

When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

Prov 2:6-16

*For the Lord gives wisdom,
and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding...
10 For wisdom will enter your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul...
11 Discretion will protect you,
and understanding will guard you...
16 It will save you also from the adulteress,*

Five Recurring Themes

in Proverbs about being wise with regard to
sexual faithfulness in marriage:

1) A Tone of Urgency.

Prov 5:1 *My son, pay attention to my wisdom,
listen well to my words of insight,*

Prov 5:7 *Now then, my sons, listen to me;
do not turn aside from what I say.*

Prov 7:24 *Now then, my sons, listen to me;
pay attention to what I say.*

2) The Power of Seductive Words

Prov 2:12 *Wisdom will save you... 16 ...from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words...*

Prov 5:3 *For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil;*

Prov 7:21 *With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk.*

3) Creating distance

Prov 5:8 *Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house,*

4) The disastrous consequences

Prov 6:27 *Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?*

Prov 7:

*6 At the window of my house
I looked out through the lattice.*

*7 I saw among the simple,
I noticed among the young men,
a youth who lacked judgment.*

*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.*

*13 She took hold of him and kissed him
and with a brazen face she said...*

*18 come, let's drink deep of love till morning;
let's enjoy ourselves with love!*

*19 My husband is not at home;
he has gone on a long journey.*

Prov 7:

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.*

Prov 2:

*18 For her house leads down to death
and her paths to the spirits of the dead.
19 None who go to her return
or attain the paths of life.*

Prov 6:26 *The prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread,
and the adulteress preys upon your very life.*

Prov 5:5 *Her feet go down to death;
her steps lead straight to the grave.*

Prov 7:

*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.*

Prov 5:

*12 You will say, "How I hated discipline!
How my heart spurned correction!
13 I would not obey my teachers
or listen to my instructors.*

5) Be intoxicated with your spouse

Prov 5:

*15 Drink water from your own cistern,
running water from your own well.
16 Should your springs overflow in the streets,
your streams of water in the public squares?
17 Let them be yours alone,*

never to be shared with strangers.

*18 May your fountain be blessed,
and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.*

19 a lovely deer, a graceful doe.

*May her breasts satisfy you at all times;
may you be intoxicated always by her love.*

20 Why should you be intoxicated, my son, by an adulteress?

Why embrace the bosom of another man's wife?