

off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, **23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and that you **put on** the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

- Keywords

I. **Remove (command)** – avoid, distance oneself, sever, abandon

II. **Do not go near (jussive, command)** – don't approach, don't head in that direction, don't advance towards, don't join, and don't partake

III. **Door** – entrance to sin in this context

- **Ge 4:7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it."
- **Mt 5:27** "You have heard that it was said to those of old, '*You shall not commit adultery.*' **28** But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. **29** If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. **30** And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.
- **Jas 1:13** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **14** But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. **15** Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. **16** Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.
- **2 Ti 2:22** Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

V. Realize Sin Produces Deep-Rooted Regret (9-14)

Pr 5:9 Lest you give your honor to others, And your years to the cruel *one*; **10** Lest aliens be filled with your wealth, And your labors *go* to the house of a foreigner; **11** And you mourn at last, When your flesh and your body are consumed, **12** And say: "How I have hated instruction, And my heart despised correction! **13** I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me! **14** I was on the verge of total ruin, In the midst of the assembly and congregation."

- Keywords
 - I. **Give** – surrender and hand over
 - II. **Honor** – weight, value, power, splendor, beauty, dignity (sometimes translated as ‘glory’ for God)
 - III. **Mourn** – howl, growl, roar like a lion
 - IV. **Hated** – scorn, dislike, did not love
 - V. **Instruction** – chastening/consequences

- The Six-Fold Price Your Will Pay
 1. Reputation Ruined (Pr 5:9a)
 2. Time/Freedom Removed and in the hands of cruel people (Pr 5:9b)
 3. Wealth/Prosperity/Property Given to Others (Pr 5:10a)
 4. Strength Depleted for Others (Pr 5:10b)
 5. Joy/Peace/Conscience Replaced with Grief, Shame, Regret, Lament (Pr 5:11a)
 6. Miserable, Bitter, Exhausted End (Pr 5:11b)

Question: Knowing all this, why do we still pursue sin?

- The Five-Fold Process of Rebellion
 1. Reject the warning of God’s Word - Scorned the Warnings/Exhortations (Pr 5:12a)
 2. Refuse to change - Spurned the Consequence (Pr 5:12b)
 3. Reject God’s Word - Snubbed those with wisdom (Pr 5:13a)
 4. Remove Godly Influences - Shut out those who pleaded (Pr 5:13b)
 5. Remain Publicly Defiant before the whole community and the world - Facing Utter Ruin (Pr 5:14)

- **Note:** The Scriptures make it clear there is no one to blame but oneself
 - **Pr 12:1** Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction *is* stupid.

- **Illustration:** Samson, although he is a believer (Hebrews 11:32), his life reflects these principles

NT Insight: 2 Ti 3:16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine (reveal truth), for reproof (reveal and stop what is wrong), for correction (reveal and know what is right), for instruction (practical steps of obedience) in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

VI. Rejoice In Godly Pursuits (15-20)

Pr 5:15 Drink water from your own cistern, And running water from your own well. **16** Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets? **17** Let them be only your own, And not for strangers with you. **18** Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth. **19** *As a* loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love. **20** For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?

Note: To avoid inappropriate imagery and yet acknowledge the wonderful gift of marriage, word pictures are helpful to convey these intimate ideas in a godly manner. These passages are the ancient equivalent of our modern "The Birds and the Bees Talk."

- Key Ideas

- I. **Be Faithful & Exclusive to Your Spouse "Thirst for your wife alone" -**

- Pr 5:15** "Drink (Command) water from your own cistern, And running water from your own well."

- **Drink water/running water** – the physical aspect of the marriage
 - **Cistern & Well** – singular → Wife
 - **Application:** Look at no other, think of no other, talk to no other, seek no other, find satisfaction in no other!
 - **Implication:** Your spouse is the single and sole source of joy and pleasure.
 - **So 4:10** How fair is your love, My sister, *my* spouse! How much better than wine is your love, And the scent of your perfumes Than all spices! **11** Your lips, O *my* spouse, Drip as the honeycomb; Honey and milk *are* under your tongue; And the fragrance of your garments *Is* like the fragrance of Lebanon. **12** **A garden enclosed *Is* my sister, *my* spouse, A spring shut up, A fountain sealed.** **13** Your plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates With pleasant fruits, Fragrant henna with spikenard, **14** Spikenard and saffron, Calamus and cinnamon,

With all trees of frankincense, Myrrh and aloes, With all the chief spices— **15 A fountain of gardens, A well of living waters, And streams from Lebanon.**

- **Heb 13:4** Marriage *is* honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

II. Do Not Be Promiscuous and Produce Illegitimate Offspring - 16 Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets? **17** Let them be only your own, And not for strangers with you.

- **Fountains & Streams of Water** – The resulting infidelity will create offspring with different women. The implication is to produce children with your own wife.
- **Application:** No physical intimacy outside of marriage
- **Implication:** Purity in the marriage union.
- **Ps 128:3** Your wife *shall be* like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table.
- **Ps 127:3** Behold, children *are* a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb *is* a reward.
- **Ec 9:9** Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that *is* your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.
- **Solomon's Son Did not listen: 2 Ch 11:21** Now Rehoboam loved Maachah the granddaughter of Absalom more than all his wives and his concubines; for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and begot twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.

III. Enjoy the Blessings of a Godly Marriage - 18 Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice (command) with the wife of your youth.

- **Rejoice** – godly joy and merry, true companionship
- **Dt 24:5** "When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.
- **Ec 9:9** Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that *is* your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.

- **Contrast: Mal 2:14** Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant. **15** But did He not make *them* one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.

IV. Pursue and Experience the Full Physical & Emotional Intimacy of a Godly Marriage - 19 *As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love.*

- Loving Deer (ayyelet) – Female deer
- Graceful Doe (Ya'alat) – Female goat
 - Two tender, graceful animals with affection for their children
- **Satisfy** – refreshed, fully and thoroughly
- **Enraptured** – stagger from too much wine, figuratively in this context, to be intoxicated with her love.
- **Ge 24:67** Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*.
- **Quote:** "Tender affection is the best defense against the desires of illicit passion." – Bishop Davenant

V. Refuse the Counterfeit And Sinful Experience of the One Who is Not Your Spouse - 20 For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?

- **Enraptured (Emotional)**– Exact same word in the previous verse, implying a counterfeit substitute.
- Embraced (physical) – physical intimacy
- Immoral Woman & Seductress – anyone but your spouse!

Question: Are you cultivating emotional and physical intimacy in your marriage or plowing discord, disunity, and distance?

VII. Remember God Is All-Knowing & Seeing (21)

Pr 5:21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, And He ponders all his paths.

- Keywords

- I. Ponders – observes

- **Pr 15:3** The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.
- **Job 34:21 (Elihu)** "For His eyes *are* on the ways of man, And He sees all his steps.
- **Heb 4:13** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.
- **Ps 139:1** O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*. **2** You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. **3** You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. **4** For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. **5** You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. **6** *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot *attain* it. **7** Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? **8** If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*. **9** *If* I take the wings of the morning, *And* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, **10** Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. **11** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; **12** Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to You*.

VIII. Recall How God Judges Sin (22-23) (Blind & Bind)

Pr 5:22 His own iniquities entrap the wicked *man*, And he is caught in the cords of his sin. **23** He shall die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

- Keywords

- I. **Entrap** – catch and seize

- II. **Caught** – controlled, unable to escape

III. **Go astray** – stagger from intoxication (same word as enraptured in Proverbs 5:19-20)

Progression of Sin: Iniquities entrap → Caught in the cords of his sin → die for lack of instruction → greatness of folly he shall go astray

Implication: One who is driven emotionally, physically, and fleshly refusing to live obediently to God and His Word, will be doomed to bondage and destruction. If you look at their lust and pride-driven life, like a drunk driver, they will careen, crash, and kill themselves and possibly others along the way.

The Sinful Nature

Ro 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. **24** Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, **25** who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. **26** For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. **27** Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. **28** And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; **29** being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, **30** backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; **32** who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Consider Israel's Siritual Adultery

Eze 16:1 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, **2** "Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations **3** and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem, "Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. **4** "As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing; you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths. **5** "No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. Rather you were thrown out into the

open field, for you were abhorred on the day you were born. **6** "When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you *while you were* in your blood, 'Live!' Yes, I said to you *while you were* in your blood, 'Live!' **7** "I made you numerous like plants of the field. Then you grew up, became tall and reached the age for fine ornaments; *your* breasts were formed and your hair had grown. Yet you were naked and bare. **8** "Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine," declares the Lord GOD. **9** "Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil. **10** "I also clothed you with embroidered cloth and put sandals of porpoise skin on your feet; and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk. **11** "I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your hands and a necklace around your neck. **12** "I also put a ring in your nostril, earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. **13** "Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your dress was of fine linen, silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, honey and oil; so you were exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. **14** "Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was perfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you," declares the Lord GOD. **15** "But you trusted in your beauty and played the harlot because of your fame, and you poured out your harlotries on every passer-by who might be *willing*. **16** "You took some of your clothes, made for yourself high places of various colors and played the harlot on them, which should never come about nor happen. **17** "You also took your beautiful jewels *made* of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images that you might play the harlot with them. **18** "Then you took your embroidered cloth and covered them, and offered My oil and My incense before them. **19** "Also My bread which I gave you, fine flour, oil and honey with which I fed you, you would offer before them for a soothing aroma; so it happened," declares the Lord GOD. **20** "Moreover, you took your sons and daughters whom you had borne to Me and sacrificed them to idols to be devoured. Were your harlotries so small a matter? **21** "You slaughtered My children and offered them up to idols by causing them to pass through *the fire*. **22** "Besides all your abominations and harlotries you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare and squirming in your blood. **23** "Then it came about after all your wickedness ('Woe, woe to you!' declares the Lord GOD), **24** that you built yourself a shrine and made yourself a high place in every square. **25** "You built yourself a high place at the top of every street and made your beauty abominable, and you spread your legs to every passer-by to multiply your harlotry. **26** "You also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, and multiplied your harlotry to make Me angry. **27** "Behold now, I have stretched out My hand against you and diminished your rations. And I delivered you up to the desire of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd conduct. **28** "Moreover, you played the harlot with the Assyrians because you

were not satisfied; you played the harlot with them and still were not satisfied. **29** "You also multiplied your harlotry with the land of merchants, Chaldea, yet even with this you were not satisfied." ' " **30** "How languishing is your heart," declares the Lord GOD, "while you do all these things, the actions of a bold-faced harlot. **31** "When you built your shrine at the beginning of every street and made your high place in every square, in disdain of money, you were not like a harlot. **32** "You adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband! **33** "Men give gifts to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your lovers to bribe them to come to you from every direction for your harlotries. **34** "Thus you are different from those women in your harlotries, in that no one plays the harlot as you do, because you give money and no money is given you; thus you are different." **35** Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD. **36** Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because your lewdness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered through your harlotries with your lovers and with all your detestable idols, and because of the blood of your sons which you gave to idols, **37** therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, even all those whom you loved *and* all those whom you hated. So I will gather them against you from every direction and expose your nakedness to them that they may see all your nakedness. **38** "Thus I will judge you like women who commit adultery or shed blood are judged; and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy. **39** "I will also give you into the hands of your lovers, and they will tear down your shrines, demolish your high places, strip you of your clothing, take away your jewels, and will leave you naked and bare. **40** "They will incite a crowd against you and they will stone you and cut you to pieces with their swords. **41** "They will burn your houses with fire and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women. Then I will stop you from playing the harlot, and you will also no longer pay your lovers. **42** "So I will calm My fury against you and My jealousy will depart from you, and I will be pacified and angry no more. **43** "Because you have not remembered the days of your youth but have enraged Me by all these things, behold, I in turn will bring your conduct down on your own head," declares the Lord GOD, "so that you will not commit this lewdness on top of all your *other* abominations. **44** "Behold, everyone who quotes proverbs will quote *this* proverb concerning you, saying, 'Like mother, like daughter.' **45** "You are the daughter of your mother, who loathed her husband and children. You are also the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and children. Your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite. **46** "Now your older sister is Samaria, who lives north of you with her daughters; and your younger sister, who lives south of you, is Sodom with her daughters. **47** "Yet you have not merely walked in their ways or done according to their abominations; but, as if that were too little, you acted more corruptly in all your conduct than they. **48** "As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "Sodom, your sister and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done. **49** "Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor

and needy. **50** "Thus they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore I removed them when I saw *it*. **51** "Furthermore, Samaria did not commit half of your sins, for you have multiplied your abominations more than they. Thus you have made your sisters appear righteous by all your abominations which you have committed. **52** "Also bear your disgrace in that you have made judgment favorable for your sisters. Because of your sins in which you acted more abominably than they, they are more in the right than you. Yes, be also ashamed and bear your disgrace, in that you made your sisters appear righteous. **53** "Nevertheless, I will restore their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and along with them your own captivity, **54** in order that you may bear your humiliation and feel ashamed for all that you have done when you become a consolation to them. **55** "Your sisters, Sodom with her daughters and Samaria with her daughters, will return to their former state, and you with your daughters will *also* return to your former state. **56** "As *the name of* your sister Sodom was not heard from your lips in your day of pride, **57** before your wickedness was uncovered, so now you have become the reproach of the daughters of Edom and of all who are around her, of the daughters of the Philistines—those surrounding *you* who despise you. **58** "You have borne *the penalty of* your lewdness and abominations," the LORD declares. **59** For thus says the Lord GOD, "I will also do with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath by breaking the covenant. **60** "Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. **61** "Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, *both* your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant. **62** "Thus I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the LORD, **63** so that you may remember and be ashamed and never open your mouth anymore because of your humiliation, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done," the Lord GOD declares.