

#### IV. Seduction and You

- A. This text is about both adultery and sin itself.
  - i. Idolatry and apostasy are most frequently represented in scripture by adultery and fornication.
  - ii. The seducing woman of Proverbs is an earthly embodiment of the seducing serpent of Genesis 3 who comes saying, "Did God really say?" "You shall not surely die."
- B. How Seduction Begins
- C. Helping Your Children Defeat Sin's Seduction

#### LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community. The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

- What is the solution the father offers the son for defeating seduction and temptation? Where in the texts is it shown?
- What is always the ultimate goal of the foreign or strange woman in Proverbs? What is her primary means of seduction?
- What do you think of the statement, "The seducing woman of Proverbs is only an earthly embodiment of the seducing serpent of Genesis 3 who comes saying, "Did God really say?" and, "You shall not surely die." Does 7:14-21 support this?
- How does this text speak to us about the role we play in our own children and how they will fight seduction?
- How does it speak to each of us about what we must do in our own lives in order to fight seduction?
- Discuss this statement: *When we have doubts, we are believing lies. Every time we are tempted to believe the serpent's lie, there is some truth of God we are not doubting. We must reinforce that truth.* How do we reinforce the truth?

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Text: Proverbs 6:20 – 7:27

#### Introduction

#### I. Defeating Seduction (6:20-24; 7:1-9)

- A. There is one thing that will keep the son on the path of life and out of the pit of destruction.
  - i. 6:20-23 The Father's and Mother's Instruction
  - ii. 7:1-3 Storing it Within; Treating it as Your Eyes
  - iii. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 & 11:18-19
- B. 7:6-9 The young man in the father's story failed.
  - i. Two dangers re: the simpleton youth:
    - a) Failing to see ourselves in him
      - 1 Corinthians 10:12
    - b) Thinking we are doomed to remain the simpleton
  - ii. The fool is wise in his own eyes; the one who recognizes his own folly seeks God's Wisdom and becomes wise (though his own folly remains with him).

C. 7:4-5 Wisdom as a Sister?

## II. Seduction's Deceit (6:24b; 7:10-21)

A. 6:24b *"from the smooth talk of the foreign woman."*

- i. The strange or foreign woman morphs into various roles as we progress through Proverbs.
- ii. Her goal is always leading away from the faith.

B. 7:10-21 Her actions distract, while her words deceive.

- i. ESV 7:14, *"I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows..."*

- ii. 7:14-17 She paints a picture of comfort and indulgence, of pleasure and delight.

- iii. 7:18-19 What is her promise? *"You will not surely die."*

iv. 7:21 Seduction's power is her smooth tongue.

- a) *"She **inclines** him with her abundance of **teaching**, with her smooth tongue she compels him."*

- b) The real problem with temptation is *not so much that we are tempted to do what we are clearly seeing as wrong, but that we are unable to see clearly in the moment, and begin to think it is okay.*

- c) We must learn to see by means of God's word.

C. The battle against sin is fought in the realm of ideas.

- i. How she is dressed, her obnoxious volume, and the kisses on the face only intend to distract us so we miss the fact that it is her words that kill—her promises.

- ii. We must remember the truth and see things through it.

## III. Seduction's Slaughter (6:25-34; 7:22-27)

A. 6:25-34 Don't Be Brainless

- i. 6:26 NASB: *For on account of a harlot one is reduced to a loaf of bread, And an adulteress hunts for the precious life.*

- ii. 6:27-29 If you play with fire you are going to get burned.

- iii. 6:30-35 are culturally difficult.

B. 7:22-27 paints a vivid picture of the consequences.

- i. 7:24 The real audience: "Now then, my sons..."

- ii. James 1:14-15