

WISDOM

WEEK 4

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MAIN POINTS

- Carelessness is costly
- We are wise when we are careful

OTHER KEY POINTS

- Sex has a purpose and a place
- The Bible determines what our sexual ethic should be
- Our sexuality reveals how much we trust God
- Two things we can do: Repent and Reshape

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 7:22-26 (NKJV)

Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, he did not know it would cost his life. Now therefore, listen to me, my children; pay attention to the words of my mouth: do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not stray into her paths; for she has cast down many wounded, and all who were slain by her were strong men.

OTHER SCRIPTURES

Psalm 119:9 (NIV)

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

Psalm 119:11 (NIV)

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you

1 Corinthians 6:16-20 (MSG)

There's more to sex than mere skin on skin. Sex is as much spiritual mystery as physical fact. As written in Scripture, "The two become one." Since we want to become spiritually one with the Master, we must not pursue the kind of sex that avoids commitment and intimacy, leaving us more lonely than ever – the kind of sex that can never "become one."

Proverbs 5:8 (ESV)

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

Proverbs 22:3 (ESV)

The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it

“If you want to avoid the devil, stay away from his neighborhood” – Robert Alden

STATS

Average age of sexual intercourse – 16.5 years old

94% of kids will see pornography by the age of 14 – average age of exposure is 11 years old

75% of parents say pornography is not an issue in their house – 53% of kids say it is

40% of men and 33% of women under 25 struggle with pornography

QUESTIONS

- What are some things you didn't appreciate when you were younger, but very much value now?
- What strikes you about the passage of Scripture discussed today (Proverbs 7)?
- Why do you think it is hard for people to accept a Biblical, sexual ethic?
- What are the risks of living with a careless attitude?
- What are the benefits of being careful?
- In a day where expression is celebrated, how can we be people that honour God's Word, while not allowing our hearts to grow cold towards people who don't agree with us?
- How can we set up healthy boundaries for our children?
- Do you see areas of your life where you need to either repent, or be reshaped?