

I. Introduction and Review.

- A. Madame Folly symbolizes temptation to unfaithfulness towards God. Js. 4:4
- B. Sex Education takes place in your home. 5:1-4 6:20-24 7:1-5

II. Madame Folly can destroy you. 7:6-23

A. The prey. 7:6-9

- 1. He is naive. 1:4 7:7 8:5
- 2. He walks into temptation. 7:8 5:8 II Sam. 4:19 John 3:19 Eph. 5:11

B. The huntress and her tactics: v. 10-20 23:28

- 1. She besieges every sense. 7:10-17 6:25b,26b
 - a. She entices you by her alluring appearance (eye gate). 7:10b 6:25b
 - b. She flatters you with her words (ear gate).7:5,15,21 5:3 6:24b 2:16b
 - c. She seduces you with her touch (feel gate). 7:13
 - d. She offers you sumptuous food (mouth gate). 7:14
 - e. Smell: She tantalizes you with her perfume (nose gate). 7:17
- 2. She lures you with promises of the ultimate in sensual exhilaration. 7:16,18
- 3. She overcomes your doubts and fears. v. 19-20

C. The kill. 7:21-23 Ecc. 7:26

III. Lady Wisdom will protect you from immorality.

A. Make Wisdom your first love! 4:5-9 7:4

- 1. The love of wisdom is the love of God. Mark 12:30
- 2. The best satisfaction is given by God. 9:5 Isa. 12:3 44:3 55:1f II Tim. 3:4
- 3. If you aren't seeking the wisdom of God, a wife will not help!

B. Lady Wisdom helps you to see the true nature of Madame Folly.

- 1. Madame Folly is cunning and deceitful. 7:10c 29:5
- 2. She is boisterous and hardened. 7:11a 2:17 5:6b 30:20 Hos. 4:16
- 3. She is rebellious and unwilling to commit to a husband and a home. 7:11b-12 2:17 27:15-16 Jer. 5:23 Hosea 4:17
- 4. She is a religious hypocrite. v. 14
- 5. She is a counterfeit wife offering counterfeit love. 7:18 I Co. 6:16

C. Wisdom shows you why sexual immorality is wrong.

- 1. In relation to God. Ps. 51:5 Js. 4:4 Gen. 39:9
- 2. In relation to your neighbor. 6:29 Ex. 20:14 Lev. 19:16-18
- 3. In relation to yourself. 5:12-13,22-23

D. Wisdom reminds you of the deadly consequences of immorality. 5:4-5,11-12,22-23 6:26-35 23:27 Ps. 73:17 37:30

- 1. Physical: Your strength and your health will fail. 5:9,11 6:34-35 31:3 Ps. 32:3-4
- 2. Financial: You will suffer loss. 5:10 6:26a, 30-31,35 29:3 Luke 15:13 Job 31:12
- 3. Social: Your reputation will be ruined. 5:14 6:33
- 4. Domestic: You will do horrible damage to your own family. 5:16-17
- 5. Spiritual: God will judge you. 5:21 Heb. 13:4 Job 31:4 Heb. 4:13
 - a. Your sin will find you out. 6:27-29 5:21
 - b. Ultimately you will die. 7:22-23,26-27 Dt. 22:22 Lev. 20:10 Ro. 6:23

E. Lady wisdom trains you to stay far from sexual temptation.

1. Guard your heart. 4:23 7:3,25 6:25 Job 31:1 Mt. 5:28 Ex. 20:17 Ge. 3:6 Ph. 3:8f
2. Don't take the first step towards sexual sin. 5:8 Mt. 5:28-29 6:13 I Co. 15:33
3. Don't trust yourself. II Ti. 2:22 Gen. 39:9 I Cor. 10:12

IV. Your spouse will protect you from immorality. 5:15-20

A. Find sexual happiness with your spouse. Enjoy God's gift of marriage

1. The answer to sexual desire is not mere abstinence, but marital delight.
I Co. 7:2-5.
2. Sex in marriage is good and honorable: a gift from God. Heb. 13:4 Ecc. 9:9
I Ti. 4:3-4
3. Direct all of your sexual energy towards your spouse. v. 15-17 Song 4:12-15
I Co. 7:4 Mt. 5:28
4. Sex is private.

B. Marital sex should be exhilarating. v. 18-19 Deut. 24:5 Ecc. 9:9

1. Husband and wife should enjoy delights which thrill all of their senses.
 - a. Sight. Song 4:1f 5:10f 6:4f 4:1f 4:9
 - b. Sound. Song 2:14
 - c. Smells. Song 4:14 1:3
 - d. Touch: Song 1:2 2:6
 - e. Tastes. Song 2:3 5:1
2. Be intoxicated with romantic love. Let yourself go with your spouse!
3. Practice safe sex: Why would someone who is enjoying the blessings of marriage be so foolish to ruin everything by going to Madame Folly? v. 20
4. All of this assumes a godly marriage.

C. Application: How to enjoy maximum sex.

1. If you are married, tend your garden: guard, cultivate & weed. Song 4:12,16 5:1
Your children should have a sense that the marriage garden is special. Ps. 128:3
2. If you are single protect and preserve your garden. Keep it locked up.

V. Concluding Applications: The Lord Jesus Christ is your true lover.

A. Though we prostituted ourselves with the world He has bought us with His blood and cleansed us by His grace. I Cor. 6:9-11

B. He Brings us satisfaction. 14:27 Isa. 55:1f 44:3 12:3 Zech. 13:1 Ps. 19:10

C. He rejoices over us. Isa. 62:5

Discussion Questions for Family Worship.

1. Who should teach children about sex? What do they need to know? 5:1-4 6:20-24 7:1-5
2. What are the tactics of the immoral woman (man). 7:10-20
3. What is the true nature of the immoral woman (man)? 7:10-14
4. What are the consequences of sexual immorality? 5:4-5,11-12,22-23 6:26-35
5. How can you stay far from sexual temptation? 5:8 4:23
6. How does a good marriage protect you from sexual immorality? 5:15-20
7. What should married people do to protect their sexual relationship?
8. What should single people do to preserve their purity?
9. Why is it wrong for people to put their sexuality on public display?
10. Why should you make wisdom your first love? 7:4 4:5-9
11. How does Christ bring you ultimate fulfillment? Isa. 55:1f 12:3 44:3 62:5

Recommended reading for men: Fidelity, by Douglas Wilson

3 reasons not to be immoral

Read: II Sam. 11 Gen. 39 Proverbs 7.

Some enchanted evening: Stranger

RCC Anti-sex: Reformed different (accused)

Bible not spoil fun, but maximum sex.

Adultery is worse than stealing. *Just satisfying appetite...*

Call what Joseph did: A great sin against God.

Incredibly: man feels obligation to her: Can't live w/o: I care about her...

Change of language: promiscuous/immoral/adulterous/illegitimate > sexually active, affair, adult entertainment.

God's Word is better than honey Ps. 19:10

IF sinned: Owe spouse truth

6:32 destroy: Gen. 6:17

Plague Leprosy Ex. 11:1 Jesus Isa. 53:8

Heb. 8:10 NC writes law on hear. Pr. 7:3

Proper telling of story: not make sin attractive: violate privacy of garden.

Sad offering to Tod used as food for lust.

Contrast: Song: 3: Looking for husband.

Gal. 5:17

Other story: Woman seduced by a man: makes promises: marry, leave wife:

200,000 cybersex addicts

Don't contemplate her beauty.

Accidentally brush her. Smell perfume: Hands touch pass papers.

It would be easier if she were hideous.

Scarlet letter\

Drains masculinity

Rationale: like hungry thief, thirsty traveler

Wilson: Men are not faithful to hookers. Why should a Christian woman want to look like one?

IF you are not going to cook the roast, don't pre-heat the oven.

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