



Tackling The Text

Proverbs 5: Sexual Purity

TEAM PROJECT

Have one member of your team read Proverbs 5 aloud. As they read, make note of each passage that offers some piece of wisdom that will help us avoid sexual sins. When the reading is finished, discuss what you found with your team and construct a list of all the wisdom found in the passage about sexual purity. Be sure to explain how these verses can help us to live sexually pure lives.

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TEACHER'S GUIDE

Instructions: Divide your group into several teams and have them read Proverbs 5 together. As they read, each team should list and explain all the wisdom they find that will help us live sexually pure lives. When each team has finished their work, discuss together what each team found. Below are some thoughts you should be careful to include.

- 5:1-2** Read your Bible. Listen to your parents and to older, wiser people. Allow the wisdom you obtain from these sources to guide everything you do, including your choices about sex.
- 5:3-5** When someone suggest sexual sin (like a boy/girlfriend), what they suggest might sound good. It might even feel good at the moment. The problem is that it doesn't work out so well over the long haul.
- 5:6** Remember that the person who suggest sexual sin isn't so wise. So, why would we want to follow their lead?
- 5:7-8** Like Joseph with Potiphar's wife, you don't want to get close to this kind of person. You need to run away from this temptation. To be specific, if you have someone in your life that is trying to lure you into sexual sin, they need to be **OUT OF YOUR LIFE**.
- 5:9-14** When I don't listen to this wise counsel and choose to commit sexual sin, all kinds of bad things can happen to me. Have the students list some of the negative consequences that can result from fornication and adultery. Take special note of the grieving and regret described in verses 12-14. Ask your group if they know of anyone who has experienced this kind of regret.
- 5:15-20** The way to avoid sexual sin is to get married and satisfy this desire with your spouse. This means that young people will have to wait to have sex until they get married. Most young people believe that waiting is a drag and unnecessary. Discuss with your group the virtues of waiting until you're married to have sex.
- 5:21** We should be sexually pure because this is what God demands of us. Nothing we do escapes His notice. We may hide our sin from our parents and friends, but God sees it all. Think about that the next time you are off in a private spot and tempted to get involved in sexual sin.
- 5:22-23** No matter what good thing sin may seem to offer, it will ultimately destroy us. Don't be deceived.