

June Bible Study Series:
Wise Up!
(Lessons from the book of Proverbs)

Lesson Two

The Seduction of One Simple Fellow

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Proverbs – Chapter Seven:

The Prologue (verses 1-5)

The Drama (verses 6-23)

The Epilogue (verses 24-27)

Scripture Lesson:
Proverbs 7:6-27

Proverbs 7:6-27 (MSG), As I stood at the window of my house looking out through the shutters, watching the mindless crowd stroll by, I spotted a young man without any sense, arriving at the corner of the street where she lived, then turning up the path to her house. It was dusk, the evening coming on, the darkness thickening into night. Just then, a woman met him— she'd been lying in wait for him, dressed to seduce him. Brazen and brash she was, restless and roaming, never at home, walking the streets, loitering in the mall, hanging out at every corner in town

She threw her arms around him and kissed him, boldly took his arm and said, “I’ve got all the makings for a feast– today I made my offerings, my vows are all paid, so now I’ve come to find you, hoping to catch sight of your face–and here you are! I’ve spread fresh, clean sheets on my bed, colorful imported linens. My bed is aromatic with spices and exotic fragrances. Come, let’s make love all night, spend the night in ecstatic lovemaking! My husband’s not home; he’s away on business, and he won’t be back for a month” “Soon she has him eating out of her hand, bewitched by her honeyed speech.

Before you know it, he's trotting behind her, like a calf led to the butcher shop, like a stag lured into ambush and then shot with an arrow, like a bird flying into a net not knowing that its flying life is over. So, friends, listen to me, take these words of mine most seriously. Don't fool around with a woman like that; don't even stroll through her neighborhood. Countless victims come under her spell; she's the death of many a poor man. She runs a halfway house to hell, fits you out with a shroud and a coffin.

**The Simple Fellow Did Not Fall
Because He Was Simple.**

**This Simple Fellow Was Caught
Because He Sought the
Immoral Woman.**

Proverbs 9:13-18, A foolish woman is clamorous; She is simple and knows nothing. For she sits at the door of her house, on a seat by the highest places of the city, to call to those who pass by, who go straight on their way: "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here"; And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, "Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant." But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of hell."

Any time we seek to learn what the rules are, solely to come as close to breaking them as we can, we are courting sin.

**This Simple Fellow Was
Seduced, But Not Deceived.**

**The Sin of This Fellow Was Not
Sudden, Bit Sequential.**

**People do not realize how important decisions are until they make the wrong ones.
“Never make permanent decisions on temporary feelings.”**

“Do not let momentary pleasures cause you to miss out on eternal blessings.”

Proverbs 7:24-27, 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. Her house *is* the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 7:1-5, My son, keep my words, and treasure my commandments within you. Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart. Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,” And call understanding your intimate friend; That they may keep you from an adulteress, From the foreigner who flatters with her words.”

Deuteronomy 6:5-9, You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

**The Consequences for
Engaging in Sexual Sin:
(Proverbs 7:21-23)**

Destroys and Kills Life.

Destroys and Kills Families.

Forces Schism in Marriage.

**It Causes A Loss of Joyful
Relationship with God.**

**A Loss of Strength Loss of
Passion for
Worship/Obedience.**

**Proverbs 14:12, There is a way
which seems right to a man,
but its end is the way of death.**

Bible Study Follow-up Chat Questions:

- 1. Take a moment to think about your internal compass. Which sources, the Bible, experts, successful people, your peers, do you find most credible when moral questions arise? Why?**
- 2. Why do some professing Christians believe that living and sleeping together before marriage is the best way to determine compatibility, despite biblical and secular evidence demonstrating the opposite?**
- 3. What biblical wisdom do you find yourself most reluctant to accept? Why do you think you resist it?**
- 4. Why didn't God just give us a simple list of what to do and what not to do?**
- 5. Many people say, times have changed, and what was wrong in biblical times is no longer considered sin. Most of the passages condemning sexual immorality also include evils such as greed, lust, stealing, etc. Why do we have no problem understanding that these other things are still sin but not sexual immorality?**