

## Sermon Text Discussion 3/12/2017

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Proverbs 5: "Why our Sexuality Matters to God" by Drew Hunter

### Overview

In a culture, driven by various assumptions about sexuality, we should note that God's view about it has not changed as many, without God's wisdom have been erroneously led to believe that "casual sex seems good, marital sex seems bland, and God seems irrelevant to both". On the contrary, this study sheds light on the lies/cost of casual sex and the inherent beauty of sex within the confines of marriage.

### Quotations

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"Conservative people love form and restraint and control. Progressive people love freedom and openness and choices. Both see part of the truth, but wisdom see more. Wisdom teaches us that God gives us our sexuality both to focus our romantic joy and to unleash our romantic joy. When our desires are both focused and unleashed – our sexual experience becomes wonderfully intensified" (Ray Ortlund)

### Understanding & Application

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I. Proverbs 5:1-14 sheds light on the enticement and cost of casual sex. And Drew mentioned a few of them, such as: children born outside of the context of a family, the increase in abortion rate, and objectification of sex (treating sex like a commodity).

Q: What other consequences can you attribute to "casual sex" as per vv. 1-14 and please back your answers up with relevant references in or outside this text.

II. Verses 12-14, proffers a stark warning with regards to despising instruction about the "wayward woman" (which represents all manner of sexual relationship outside of marriage). And the consequences are often REGRETS!

Q: Is there anything in your life, whether relating to this subject or something else, that you regret because you failed to pay heed to instruction and wish now to go back in time and correct? (would you like to share with your group)

Q: How did you deal with it and how has the grace of God transformed your life?

III. Vv. 15-19, paints a sharp contrast with the previous. The writer uses metaphors to portray the beauty of sex within the confines of marriage – "drink water from your own cistern", "don't scatter your stream in the street"

Q: How are these metaphors relevant for godly marriages?

IV. As per Drew, the unifying biblical vision of sex has both Liberation and Limits.

Q: How would you explain this to a young couple getting ready for marriage to understand that "true liberation is found within certain God-ordained limits"?

V. Proverbs 5:20-23, proposes why sex matters to God. Because, marriage and the sexual intimacy within it, mirrors the gospel, which points us to a greater marriage between Christ and the church.

Q: What features of a godly marriage or singlehood that bears direct reflection of the gospel? (Hints: faithfulness, sacrificial love, trust, self-denial, joyfulness, forgiveness, etc.) How have you appropriated any of these in the last 1, 3 or 7 days as a couple or single person?