

Pathways


Pathway to Destruction

Proverbs 5-7

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“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” Proverbs 3:5-6

The wrong question we ask... “Is there anything wrong with it?”

The question we need to ask... “What is the wise thing for me to do?”

There is wisdom for you that isn’t unique to your life.

“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.” Ecclesiastes 1:9

“The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.” 1 Corinthians 10:13

The outcome of sexual sins is predictable

“Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?” Proverbs 5:27

“Don’t let your hearts stray away toward her. Don’t wander down her wayward path. For she has been the ruin of many; many men have been her victims. Her house is the road to the grave. Her bedroom is the den of death.” Proverbs 7:21-27

The pathway that leads us to sexual sin is also predictable.

When we feel danger, our natural reaction is to FLEE

“Flee from sexual immorality... honor God with your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Our greatest moral failures are always preceded by a series of unwise choices.

We do not live in a morally neutral environment

“The woman Folly is loud; she is undisciplined and without knowledge.” Proverbs 9:13

Our boundaries determine the intensity of the temptations we face.

“God’s people avoid evil ways, and they protect themselves by watching where they go.” Proverbs 16:17

Wisdom for your life will address your patterns of temptation

“The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.” Proverbs 27:12

Questions: Why do you think it is easier to see others on a pathway to destruction than yourself? Why is sexual sin so destructive to people? What would be some wise boundaries for people to maintain sexual purity? What are some decisions you have made to protect yourself?