

## *Proverbs 5:1-23 NIV*

<sup>1</sup> My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight, <sup>2</sup> that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; <sup>4</sup> but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. <sup>5</sup> Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. <sup>6</sup> She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not. <sup>7</sup> Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say. <sup>8</sup> Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, <sup>9</sup> lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel, <sup>10</sup> lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house.

<sup>11</sup> At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. <sup>12</sup> You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction!" <sup>13</sup> I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors. <sup>14</sup> I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly."

<sup>15</sup> Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. <sup>16</sup> Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares? <sup>17</sup> Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers. <sup>18</sup> May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. <sup>19</sup> A loving doe, a graceful deer-- may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love.

<sup>20</sup> Why be captivated, my son, by an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another man's wife? <sup>21</sup> For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all his paths. <sup>22</sup> The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast. <sup>23</sup> He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly.

# *Adultery - A Threat to Marriage*

## **The Temptation of Adultery**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the adulteress
2. The lack of proper \_\_\_\_\_
3. The lack of marital \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Truth about Adultery**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of adultery
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of adultery

**The best defense is the pursuit of God's glory.**