



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKE ORION

GOD'S WISDOM AS A SAFEGUARD TO FORBIDDEN RELATIONSHIPS

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TEXT: Proverbs 6:20–7:27

PROPOSITION: By binding yourself to God and His word, you keep yourself from forbidden relationships.

I. THE VALUE OF GOD'S WORD TAUGHT BY PARENTS, 6:20–21

In verses 20-21, Solomon exhorts his son to heed his father's and mother's instructions.

A. The Son Is to Adhere to His Parents' Commands By:

1. Internalizing them, 6:21a cf. 7:1–3.

6:21a Bind them continually on your heart;

7:1 My son, keep my words And treasure my commandments within you.

7:3 Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.

2. Adorning his life with them, 6:21b . . . Tie them around your neck.

a. The Word is described as a beautiful necklace around the neck, 6:21b.

b. The Word is described as the “apple of your eye,” 7:2b.

3. Living his life in light of them, 7:2a.

4. Making them his intimate passion, 7:4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call understanding your intimate friend;

B. The Son Is to Internalize His Parents' Commands Because They Provide:

1. Direction, 6:22a *When you walk about, they will guide you*

2. Supervision, 6:22b . . . *When you sleep, they will watch over you*

3. Instruction, 6:22c . . . *And when you awake, they will talk to you*

4. **Illumination**, 6:23a *For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light*
5. **Correction**, 6:23b . . . *And reproofs for discipline are the way of life*

Though painful, discipline helps keep a person on the right path which leads him in the way of life.

6. **Protection**, 6:24 *To keep you from the evil woman, From the smooth tongue of the adulteress (wayward wife).*

Proverbs 7:5 That they may keep you from an adulteress, From the foreigner who flatters with her words.

Wisdom acquired from God's Word and taught by one's parents helps protect from adultery, Pro 6:25–35.

II. THE APPLICATION OF GOD'S WORD TAUGHT BY PARENTS

A. God's Word Will Guard Against Lustful Temptations, 6:24–25, cf., 7:5.

B. God's Word Will Make the Naive Wise, 7:6–23; cf. Psa 19:7.

There is nothing that will cause a man to forget God's commands quicker than a beautiful woman.

1. **The naive lacks sense and is easily taken by the forbidden relationship**, 7:6–8.
2. **The naive is in the wrong place at the wrong time**, 7:8–9.
3. **The naive is captured by the adulteress' seductive character**, 7:10–12.
He is flattered by her looks and disregards her inward corruption.
4. **The naive succumbs to the adulteress' seductive tactics**, 7:13–23.
5. **The naive commits adultery without considering the consequences**, 6:27–28; 7:22–23.
 - a. The consequence of poverty, 6:26
 - b. The wrath of the offended husband, 6:34–35; 7:23
 - c. The cost of physical life under the Law, 6:29
 - d. The cost of spiritual life, 7:25–27

THE ADMONITION TO HEED (Solomon concludes the chapter as he began it. Heed instruction.)
24 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, And pay attention to the words of my mouth. 25 Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths. 26 For many are the victims she has cast down, And numerous are all her slain. 27 Her house is the way to Sheol, Descending to the chambers of death.

THOUGHT: *Sin will keep you from the Scriptures. The Scriptures will keep you from sin.*