

“The Art of Skillful Living – Week 4”

Proverbs 2:16-19, 5:1-23, 6:24-29, 7:1-27

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IF WISDOM IS YOUR FIRST LOVE, SHE'LL GUARD YOU FROM INFIDELITY, LOSING WHAT MATTERS, DICONTENTMENT, SIN, AND DEATH.

- 1) IF WISDOM IS YOUR FIRST LOVE (5:1-2; 7:1-4)

- 2) GUARD FROM INFIDELITY (2:16b-19; 5:3-6; 7:7-23)

- 3) GUARD FROM LOSING WHAT MATTERS (5:7-14; 6:24-29)

- 4) GUARD FROM DISCONTENTMENT (5:15-19)

- 5) GUARD FROM SIN AND DEATH (5:20-23)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Proverbs 6:6-19

Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: How has wisdom protected you from painful things?

- 1) What are the benefits of paying attention to wisdom in Proverbs 5:1-2?
- 2) Summarize the kind of relationship we should have with wisdom from Proverbs 7:1-4.
- 3) In Proverbs 2:16-19, what is dangerous about the adulterous (strange) woman?
- 4) How is the adulterous woman's speech described in 5:3?
- 5) Why do you think this temptation is appealing to so many?
- 6) What advice would you give for those tempted towards those things based on 4:5-6?
- 7) What do you stand to risk in infidelity/sexual impurity according to 5:7-14?
- 8) How can delighting in what you have (vs. 15-19) help avoid impurity and infidelity?
- 9) How is wisdom connected to living in full view of God?
- 10) How does knowing the traps and temptations described here help you avoid it?
- 11) How does knowing the consequences affect your decisions?
- 12) Based on this passage, how would you advise someone tempted by impurity or infidelity?
- 13) How can we pray for you this week?