

Beware of Adultery

²⁰ My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother.

²¹ Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck.

²² When you roam, they* will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And *when* you awake, they will speak with you.

²³ For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life,

²⁴ To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.

²⁵ Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.

²⁶ For by means of a harlot *A man is reduced* to a crust of bread; And an adulteress* will prey upon his precious life.

²⁷ Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?

²⁸ Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared?

²⁹ So *is* he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

³⁰ *People* do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.

³¹ Yet *when* he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house.

³² Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He *who* does so destroys his own soul.

³³ Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach will not be wiped away.

³⁴ For jealousy *is* a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

³⁵ He will accept no recompense, Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

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Facts Revealed:

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For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life, [\[Proverbs 6:20-23\]](#)
 - ◇ Value of a parental instructions, the way of life.
 - ◇ This is especially true if the parents are godly. [\[Ephesians 6:1\]](#)
- ☆ To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.
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For by means of a harlot *A man is reduced* to a crust of bread; And an adulteress* will prey upon his precious life. [Proverbs 6:24-26]

✧ Again the focus is on sexual immorality and warning against the lure of a seductress.

✧ The end result is very hazardous.

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Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared?

So *is* he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

[Proverbs 6:27-29]

✧ The rhetorical questions illustrate the dangers of such behavior.

✧ The guilt that accompanies adultery is destructive.

☆ *People* do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.

Yet *when* he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the

substance of his house. [Proverbs 6:30-31]

✧ The contrast with the starving thief demonstrates that though some may sympathize with the sinner, yet there is a penalty for the action.

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For jealousy *is* a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

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[Proverbs 6:32-35]

✧ The father expressed the folly of yielding to the lure of the adulteress.

✧ It may be costly to soul in the day of judgment.

✧ And even before it has its dangers.

✧ It was illustrated well in [Proverbs 5:1-23]