

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 02 Mar.....Proverbs 1:1-19.....Seek Wisdom's Ways
 2) 09 Mar.....Proverbs 1:33-3:8.....Learn Wisdom's Benefits
 3) 16 Mar.....Proverbs 8:1-9:18.....Listen To Wisdom's Invitation
 4) 23 Mar.....Proverbs 10:11;12;17;18;21;25;26;31.....Guard Your Speech
 5) 30 Mar.....10;11;13;14;19;20;22;24;26;28;21;27;28.....Don't be a Slacker
 6) 06 Apr3;11;13;15;16;20;21;22;23;28;30.....Financial Responsibility
 7) 13 Apr3;10;11;13;14;15;16;17;18;19;20;22;25;26;27Godly Friendships
 8) 20 AprMark 14:32 – 16:8.....Amazed by the Resurrection
 9) 27 AprProverbs 20; 23; 29; 31.....Avoid Addictions
10) 04 May.....Proverbs 5-6.....Moral Purity
 11) 11 May.....Proverbs 31:10-31.....Treasure Mothers
 12) 18 May.....Song of Songs 1:1-5:1.....Righteous Romance
 13) 25 May.....Song of Songs 5:2-8:14.....Invest in the Best

INTRODUCTION

- Everybody has their Achilles heel, which Satan loves to exploit:
 - ◆ Money/GreedJudas
 - ◆ Anger/EmotionsCain
 - ◆ Alcohol/DrugsLot
 - ◆ Sex/LustsKing David, Solomon, Samson
- Satan can't read our minds, but he can watch our eye movements and our wallet, and tell where our heart is each and every day:
 - ◆ Do we linger too long on something or someone?
 - ◆ Do we give too much attention to something or someone?
- Solomon knew firsthand the dangers of immorality
 - ◆ His Dad (King David) almost lost his kingdom because of it
 - ◆ Two of his brothers died as a result of immorality
 - ◆ His sister was raped by one of his brothers, which spun the family out of control
 - ◆ ...and Solomon's heart was turned away from God because of it
- How does God define Moral Purity?
- What happens to society when morals are lax with no restraints?
 - ◆ Rampant single-parents; Unruly kids; High suicide rate; STDs;
 - ◆ Increase in drugs/alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, moral decay

Passage	Comments
Proverbs 5:1-14	<p>The Dangers of Immorality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-2. Listen up and Learn. We have to make the effort • v3. Seduction is so enticing. All the senses are affected (Smells good, looks, feels, sounds, and tastes good) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The most powerful temptation most deal with is their sexual drive; After all, the 1st command God gave to Man was to "Go have sex, multiply, and fill the earth" ◆ Satan loves to distort God's good creation ◆ God took sex so seriously between the man and wife, the death penalty was for any hanky-panky • v5. Immorality leads to destruction – ultimately death • v6. The wicked do not consider the consequences. They live for the momentLamentations 1:9 • v7. Again, Listen up and Learn – this is IMPORTANT • v8. Keep your distance. Flee youthful lusts. Don't flirt. The stronger the temptation, the greater the distance • vv9-11. You will end up paying others for your indiscretion. Immorality is not cheap, financially & physically • vv12-13. A few minutes of pleasure for a lifetime of regret – Why didn't I listen? Why did I cave in? • v14. Result is utter ruin – and everybody knows!!!
Limitations of Satan and Demons	<p>Can Satan and his demons read our thoughts?.....No</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible never says explicitly that Satan cannot know our thoughts or read our minds, but it never shows him doing it and it implies that he cannot read minds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Example. When Satan asked God's permission to torment Job, it was due to Job's outward character that was for all to see, which reflected his inward self

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	<p>Can Satan/demons put thoughts into our minds?...No</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can buy into Satan's lies and deceptions (e.g., King David, Peter, Judas, Ananias & Sapphira), yet, we are totally accountable for acting on any thoughts we have <p>Our hearts/minds are known only by God, since it is part of His divine attribute.....Ps 139:1-4; Jn 2:23-25</p>
5:15-19	<p>The Joys of Marriage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God meant marriage to reflect the ultimate intimacy between Man & God; and He is a jealous God • As God should be our only God, our spouse should be our only spouse
5:20-23	<p>The Vital Importance of Self-Discipline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v20. WHY chase after forbidden fruit? No logical sense • v21. God knows all, sees all, judges all • vv22-23. All other sins are outside the body (temporal), but sexual sins last a lifetime.....1Corinthians 6:18 • We must define and take steps to protect ourselves and our loved ones from sexual predation • What are some of those steps?
6:20-35	<p>The Way to Avert Disaster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv20-22. Listen up & Learn. Observe God's words, do not forsake them, but bind them, tie them – so they may guide you, watch over you, & talk to youHOW? • v23. God's word acts like a light to clearly show us the path we need to take – and we must discipline ourselves to read and heed; to flee or fight • vv24-25. How do we avoid being seduced? It begins with the mind. You must willingly choose to live right <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "I made a covenant with my eyes not to gaze at a virgin".....Job 31:1 • vv26-29. Hollywood portrays sex as freely available, and free of any consequences, BUT there is always a high cost for adultery and fornication • vv30-33. An adulterer lacks "sense" – They are a brick shy of a full load, their elevator doesn't go to the top • vv34-35. Some say that "<i>Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned</i>" but the Bible says a jealous husband will not be appeased till he is avenged

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- How would you want your hormone-crazed kids to learn about good sex and bad sex?
 - ◆ From politicians and lawyers? From their friends?
 - ◆ From modern movies and TV sitcoms?
 - ◆ Let them figure it out for themselves?
 - ◆ Or from an authoritative source – the Bible?

NEXT WEEK: Proverbs 31. The Perfect Mom.

