

LifeCode

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INDECENT PROPOSALS

In Proverbs 5, 6 and 7, Solomon addresses the issues of sexual attraction, distraction and indiscretion. Since God made us sexual beings, we find that God's Word talks opening and candidly about this subject and provides "street level" wisdom and guidance in this area of life.

Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be eared? So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

—PROVERBS 6:27-29 NKJV

Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure... and indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun. —ECCLESIASTES 2:10-11 NKJV

"From firsthand experience, Solomon understood the unique ability of any kind of sexual immorality to seize our imagination and strangle the emotional and spiritual energy out of our lives." —ROBERT JEFFRESS, *The Solomon Secrets*

Moral indiscretion does not begin in the bedroom; it begins in the heart. Thus, we must guard our hearts if we are to guard our steps.

FIVE FACTS TO AVOID THE INJURY OF INDECENT PROPOSALS

1. The assumption of Strength Can Fuel the Deception of Invincibility

Now, listen to me, my children; pay attention to the words of my mouth: do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not stray into her paths; for she has cast down many wounded, and all who were slain by her were strong men. Her house is the way to hell, descending to the chambers of death. —PROVERBS 7:24-27 NKJV

"I am convinced that more people get themselves into the pain of infidelity through empathy, concern and compassion than through any base motive. The world is full of lonely and vulnerable people, hungry for a sympathetic ear and a shoulder to cry on. —DR. CARLFRED BRODERICK

2. The Power of Temptation Lies in the Pleasure of Temptation

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

—JAMES 1:14-16 NKJV

3. Casual Indulgences Quickly Become Compulsive Addictions

4. The Grass is Not Greener on the Other Side of the Fence, but Where You Water It

You should be faithful to your wife, just as you take water from your own well. And don't be like a stream from which just any woman may take a drink. Save yourself for your wife and don't have sex with other women. Be happy with the wife you married when you were young.

—PROVERBS 5:15-18 CEV

5. God's Commands are Protective, Not Restrictive

He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself. Wounds and dishonor will he get, and his disgrace will not be wiped away. —PROVERBS 6:32-33 ESV



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