

Words of Caution

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Proverbs 5:1-11

“We didn’t intend to get involved; it just happened! We couldn’t help ourselves.” How often I have heard these words from persons who have broken their marriage vows with another partner. I’ve never known anyone who approached their wedding day intending to cheat on their spouse, yet it happens far too often. A man or woman will forget to maintain discretion (Proverbs 5:2) and will become too close to a coworker or a neighbor. Temptation appears sweet, and they convince themselves their behavior is harmless. The story is too familiar! And the results are far from sweet – the end is bitter and painful. Families fracture and children often bear the scars for their entire lives.

Proverbs 5 cautions us to be discrete, to control our thoughts, words and behaviors. We can resist temptation if we will guard our hearts (Proverbs 4:23). We can control our actions to steer clear of those who would try to convince us that sin is acceptable and even desirable (Proverbs 5:8).

The path of discretion, disciplined choices and commitments lead to wisdom, knowledge and pure relationships.

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