



SESSION 3 — MORAL PURITY DISCUSSION

*The notes below are from one of the Focus Group's discussion. Much more could be said underneath each question.

1. Discuss the importance of accountability from Psalm 101:6-7; Proverbs 13:20; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Galatians 6:1-5; Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 3:13; 10:24; James 5:16-18.

- NOTE: If you are an "Accountability Coach" (i.e., the one asked to help someone), take that spiritual responsibility and be proactive in your aid.
- Psalm 101:6-7 — When you realize you need accountability, go to someone stronger than you. Hence, cross-generational ministry is vital (cf. 1 John 2:12-14).
- Proverbs 13:10 — Counsel from ungodly people is terribly dangerous. We will be influenced one way or the other

2. Discern and discuss the various "temptation traps" employed by the strange woman against the simpleton in Proverbs 7:6-21 (e.g., the "place trap"—he was in the wrong place, v. 8). NOTE: These "temptation traps" can be found in vv. 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16-18, 19-20, and 21, and more can probably be discovered.

- Character — don't underestimate the enemy; be wise!
- Place — beware of bad situations that provide a temptation: i.e., in room alone doing homework online
- Time
- Dress
- Physical contact
- Speech
- Company — vital to have a common Christian faith as a foundation...i.e., a worldview of heaven-orientation, and not

earthly; beware of loneliness and a desire to be accepted; church provides us with a venue for good friendships

- [Media]
- [Free time]

3. Discuss the deception and destruction of the one who succumbs to the strange woman in Proverbs 7:22-27.

- Deception & wrong focus — i.e., during lustful sin, the focus is on the small nugget of satisfaction and not the big and hidden consequences.
- It grieves God, not merely our wife, friends, parents, etc.
- V. 22 — "all at once": he failed to pause and think! Psalm 1 promises protection to those who are meditating upon God's Word. Beware idle thinking, and replace it with godly meditation. (cf. Piper's APTAT & ANTHEM)
- Every failure only further destroys the ability to fight. **Illustration:** taking a day off from working out makes it harder to get back into it.

4. Discuss the solution of Proverbs 7:1-4 to the problem of Proverbs 7:5.

- Simple : Proverbs 7:1-4 "will keep you from" Proverbs 5 — it's not rocket science. But, it must not remain generic, but instead applied through:
 - Reading & knowing the Bible
 - Studying, meditating upon, and memorizing the Bible
 - Taking the Bible with you (throughout the day in practical ways [i.e., "bind it around your fingers"])
 - Obey the Bible
- See, "He dies for lack of discipline," (Proverbs 5:23).

5. Contrast the strange woman of Proverbs 7:6-27; 9:13-18 with the woman of wisdom in Proverbs 8:1-9:6.

- Wisdom
 - Providing, not taking
 - Responsible, not immature

- Others-serving, not abusing
- Order & structure, not selfish & chaotic
- Humility & modesty
- V. 13: God-fearing and evil-hating—the latter reveals the presence of the former
- V. 12: valuable (wisdom) vs. costly (temptress)

Read Proverbs 2