**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Matthew 5:27-28
   2. We are in a crisis today.
      1. A crisis that deals with the matter of moral purity and the sanctity of the home.
      2. Ezra 9:6
         1. We have become a generation of unblushables.
   3. When we talk about sexual morals, we are talking about something that is at war against the basic unit, the fabric of our society.
   4. God built the home before He instituted government and before He built the church.
   5. God’s plan is one man for one woman until death do them part in a monogamous marriage.
      1. Genesis 2:24
      2. This is why the Lord Jesus Christ clearly said, “Thou shalt not commit adultery.”
         1. Matthew 5:27
   6. The devil has aimed all the artillery of Hell against our families and our homes.
      1. The devil knows that if he can hurt us at home, then he can hurt us all over.
   7. Satan’s plan has always been the following:
      1. To deny God to a mere superstition.
      2. Once he has denied God, he wants to debase man and make man a mere animal.
      3. If there is no God and man is the product of blind evolution, then you deny morals.
         1. There is no fixed standard of right and wrong.
      4. After you deny morals, you destroy the home.
      5. After you destroy the home, you dominate society.
         1. Satan is well on his way.
   8. Nothing tears at the fabric of society any more than sexual immorality and moral impurity.
      1. It has been said that at the top of the list of reasons for the rise and fall of the Roman Empire was the breakdown of the home through sexual and moral impurity.
      2. It is a known sociological fact that those who treat sex lightly will treat other human beings lightly.
   9. Today’s message will share five factors that will help us to build and maintain moral purity; thereby, building strong families.
2. the instruction factor: learn godly wisdom (proverbs 5:1-2)
   1. Proverbs 5:1-2
      1. This passage is in the context of sexual purity.
   2. We often hear the statement, “What you don’t know can’t hurt you.”
      1. But what you don’t know may kill you.
   3. We have families that are failing primarily for a lack of wisdom, discretion, understanding, and knowledge.
   4. Where are we going to learn?
      1. Proverbs 5:1
         1. We are to bow our ear to God’s understanding.
      2. God has a way; God has a plan.
   5. Proverbs 6:32-33
      1. This passage says, frankly, that immorality is stupid.
   6. We need to be instructed; we need to learn.
   7. We need to teach in our churches today.
      1. Social engineers have taken the Bible out of schools.
      2. Sex education, birth control, and abortion without parental consent have been put into schools.
      3. The Ten Commandments have been taken down from the walls, and policemen have been put in the halls.
   8. God has given us a book, an instruction manual, which is the Bible.
   9. We need to learn godly wisdom.
      1. Proverbs 5:1-2
3. the deception factor: beware of satan’s snares (proverbs 5:3-6)
   1. Proverbs 5:3-6
      1. This passage talks about satanic deception.
         1. He is speaking here about the ways of Satan to ruin our lives.
      2. He talks about an immoral woman.
   2. Satan is too clever to go fishing without any bait on his hook.
      1. Like many fishermen, Satan first deceives with an allurement.
      2. Then, comes entrapment and enslavement.
   3. Satan’s fatal trap:
      1. Frivolity
         1. Proverbs 5:3
            1. Her lips are sweeter than honey.
            2. The sweetness just flows out.
         2. Immorality to many people seems good.
            1. They wonder how anything so wonderful could be wrong.
            2. Proverbs 20:17
         3. There is this fun, this rush, and this thrill.
      2. Flattery
         1. Proverbs 5:3
            1. She knows how to give him the “come hither”.
         2. Many people are susceptible to flattery.
            1. A little flattery makes big fools of little people.
         3. This is the reason we need a quiet time.
            1. In the morning, we need to spend time with God.
            2. Proverbs 6:23-24
            3. There is nothing that will protect you more from immorality than to load up in the morning with the Word of God.

Go out of your house with the Word of God in your heart.

* + 1. Vitality
       1. Proverbs 5:4-5
       2. This sin has deadly power.
          1. There is nothing that is more destructive.
       3. Sin fascinates, and then it assassinates.
          1. It thrills, then it kills.
       4. Sin brings death.
          1. Death to youth, joy, purity, happiness, death to the home, spiritual death, physical death, and eternal death.

1. the protection factor: avoid dangerous situations (proverbs 5:7-8)
   1. Proverbs 5:7-8
   2. Oswald Chambers once said that an unguarded strength is a double weakness.
      1. 1 Corinthians 10:12
   3. Sexual immorality is not a sin that we are told to fight; it is a sin that we are told to flee.
      1. Proverbs 5:8
         1. Don’t even walk past her house.
      2. 2 Timothy 2:22
      3. 1 Corinthians 6:18
         1. Flee fornication.
         2. Flee youthful lust.
   4. 1 Corinthians 10:13
      1. Often the way to escape is two legs, the highway, and a hard run.
         1. Just get out of there.
         2. Saturate that place with your absence.
            1. You don’t have to hang around those kinds of places.
            2. You don’t have to look at that kind of literature.
            3. You don’t have to go to those kinds of movies.
   5. Joseph was a holy man, and Potiphar’s wife wanted to seduce him.
      1. Genesis 39:7-12
      2. When Joseph realized what was happening, he fled the room.
      3. Joseph didn’t begin to fight this temptation; he fled.
         1. 2 Timothy 2:22
   6. There is a motto that says, “He who would not fall down ought not to walk in slippery places.”
      1. Flee fornication.
         1. Don’t even come near her house.
   7. Rules for business people, ministers, deacons, and others to avoid dangerous situations:
      1. Never visit the opposite sex alone at their home.
      2. Never counsel the opposite sex alone in your office.
         1. Counsel when someone is next door, and keep the door slightly ajar.
      3. Never go to lunch alone with the opposite sex.
      4. Never discuss detailed sexual problems with the opposite sex.
      5. Don’t playfully or good-naturedly flirt with the opposite sex.
         1. It plants a seed in the mind that Satan wants to water and cultivate.
      6. Don’t call the waitress “Sweetheart” or “Dear”.
         1. Save those words for your wife.
      7. Be careful what you put in your mind.
         1. Matthew 5:28
2. the destruction factor: consider the deadly consequences (proverbs 5:8-14, 22-23)
   1. There are consequences to immorality.
   2. There is dissipation.
      1. Proverbs 5:8-10
      2. Sin is costly.
         1. Sin does not pay; it costs.
   3. There is disease.
      1. Proverbs 5:11
      2. There are sexually transmitted diseases.
   4. There is disappointment.
      1. Proverbs 5:12-13
         1. The Living Bible translates it as, “Oh, if I had only listened. Why wouldn’t I take advice?”
      2. People say that this is what liberates, but it doesn’t liberate.
         1. There are some places that have an open society.
            1. They are liberated sexually, but they have a high suicide rate.
      3. Satan offers high wages, but he pays in counterfeit money.
         1. You get what you want, and you are not going to want what you get.
   5. There is disgrace.
      1. Proverbs 5:14
         1. The Living Bible says, “For now, I must face public disgrace.”
      2. You can only hide it so long.
         1. One of these days, God will expose you.
            1. If not here, then at the final judgment.

Luke 12:2

* + - 1. You may be hiding it now, but sooner or later, it will be made known.
      2. If you don’t want this known, then repent of it and be done with it.
  1. There is dominion.
     1. Proverbs 5:22
     2. There is no other sin that enslaves like the sin of immorality.
        1. A person is entrapped by this sin.
     3. 1 Corinthians 6:18
     4. There is bondage with this sin.
        1. Proverbs 5:22
        2. The very chain that he forged is the very chain that will bind him.
  2. There is death.
     1. Proverbs 5:23
     2. There is moral death.
     3. There is spiritual death.
     4. There is eternal death.
     5. The warm flames of lust will turn to the fiery flames of Hell.
     6. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
        1. “Effeminate” means homosexuals.
        2. The Bible says that if these things are your lifestyle, then you do not know the grace of God and cannot call yourself a child of God; you have no hope of Heaven unless you repent and turn from that sin.
           1. What about once saved always saved?

Someone who is saved cannot live this way with no conviction, no compunction, and no remorse.

* + - 1. God will forgive, but you cannot hold onto this sin with one hand and hold onto God with the other hand.
         1. It cannot be done.

1. the intention factor: enjoy god’s best (proverbs 5:18-19, 22)
   1. We need to understand what God’s intention is for us.
   2. A lasting marriage
      1. Proverbs 5:18
      2. God’s best is one man for one woman until death do them part.
   3. A loving marriage
      1. Proverbs 5:19
      2. Don’t get the idea that if you live according to God’s law, then you are going to miss out.
         1. If you don’t live according to God’s law, then you are going to miss out.
         2. Kids talk today about going all the way, but that is one thing that they don’t do.
            1. They don’t know the fulfillment and joy of a monogamous marriage.
      3. God’s laws are for our welfare.
         1. God is not some tyrant sitting in Heaven making a bunch of laws and trying to make us squirm while keeping those laws.
         2. God loves you.
         3. Every time God says, “Thou shalt not,” God is simply saying, “Don’t hurt yourself.”
         4. Every time God says, “Thou shalt,” God is saying, “Help yourself to happiness.”
         5. God is not trying to keep sex from you; He is trying to keep sex for you.
            1. God says to flee fornication because He has something wonderful for you.

God wants you to have a lasting and loving marriage.

* + - * 1. Keep yourself pure, and save yourself for the one you will marry.
      1. Live by God’s laws, and you will be wise.
  1. A liberating marriage
     1. Proverbs 5:22 will not be true about you.
        1. You will not be bound by this.
     2. You are free to be all that God wants you to be.

1. CONCLUSION
   1. Is there hope if you have not kept God’s laws?
      1. Romans 5:20
      2. If you have committed sin, then confess it, and God will cleanse you.
         1. 1 John 1:9
         2. You can be pure.
   2. If you are living a life of immorality or contemplating that life, then get the instruction manual and learn God’s way.
      1. Learn why the wisest and best man who ever lived (the Lord Jesus, who was more than a man but was God Himself) said the words in Matthew 5:25-28.
   3. The Lord Jesus keeps coming back to the heart, and that is what we need.
      1. We need a new heart, that comes by receiving Him.
   4. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   5. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16