

- I. The symptom = uncontrolled desire (Proverbs 5)
  - A. The need to be taught (vs 1-2)
    1. Father to son
    2. Teaching about sexuality begins in the home with parents.
      - a. Duty of parents to teach children about life - including sexuality and sex
      - b. Design
        - 1) God's - defined by God and given as a joyous expression of marital union between a godly man and a godly woman.
        - 2) Evil - abuse and misuse of sexuality and sex
- \*\*Naive children are vulnerable children.
- B. The desire to hear ... (vs 3-6)
  1. We love and are enticed by people who tell us what we want to hear.
    - a. Many people will tell you what you want to hear and they will have an agenda.
    - b. Very few people will tell you what you need to hear.
  2. The gate to sexual sin is through the ears.
    - a. Flattering and complementary
    - b. Deceitful and ends with death
    - c. Her course is one of persistent, willful, headstrong, blind folly and wickedness.
- \*\*A person who has moved from rebellion to ignorance
- C. Consequences of sexual sins (vs 7-14)
  1. How to avoid
    - a. Don't start.
    - b. Wisdom is out there. Now do it.
    - c. Don't text back, don't answer the phone, don't go to the party, sleep the iPad/smart phone/laptop/computer, don't go to the adult bookstore, don't go to coffee with someone you shouldn't, etc.
  2. Consequences
    - a. Physically (v 9)
    - b. Financially (v 10)
      - immorality is always expensive
    - c. Reputation (v 14)
      - culture = embrace immorality
      - Kingdom of God = uphold God's design and desire
- D. The desire to feel/experience (vs 15-20)
  1. If you heeded wisdom, you wouldn't need this, but let's be honest, we ignore wisdom.
  2. Physical satisfaction is between a husband and wife who are first and foremost committed to God and then to each other.
    - a. Fluid exchange is limited to that relationship - stop asking about how sex is defined. If there's fluid, it's sex.

- b. Love and enjoy your spouse - not your girlfriend/boyfriend, or your friend with benefits, or the drunk/depressed/desperate person that you now have a chance with.
- c. Marriage is hard
  - 1) Because there is a commitment to transform you into Jesus
  - 2) You will be told what you need to hear rather than what you want - that's why someone else is so desirable (desire to hear ...)
  - 3) If you believe that marriage should be easy, then you haven't read or don't actually believe the Bible.

\*\*You must fight for God-honoring relationships and if you don't, then you lose a part of yourself and will not get it back. Forgiveness and restoration yes... but what you have in this temporal body is what you have, no replacements or trade-ins or -ups.

- E. You are not as sneaky or convincing as you think you are (vs 21-23)
  - 1. There is no possibility of any act of immorality escaping God's notice. The consciousness of this fact is to be a restraining motive, inasmuch as He Who sees will also punish every transgression.
  - 2. Ponders - the overruling providence of God, just as the former part of the verse refers to His omniscience, and render, "all his paths," in the sense that the Lord makes it possible for a man to walk in the way of uprightness and purity.
- II. The real issue - Understanding our desire, what it is and when it will be satisfied (2 Corinthians 5:1-10)
  - A. The problem is that we cannot be fulfilled in our present state. We long for something and we pursue all kinds of things thinking that we will find fulfillment or at least not feel loneliness/helplessness/emptiness, etc. that we currently feel.
  - B. The reality
    - 1. We know (v 1)
      - a. Two bodies
        - 1) earthly = temporary tent; won't last; non-renewable
        - 2) glorified = eternal; won't decay or weaken
      - b. Why do we know? Because we trust God's Word
    - 2. We groan (vs 2-5)
      - We do not yearn for death, we, as Christ followers, are yearning for life
    - 3. We are confident (vs 6-8)
      - a. On Earth living by faith in Christ's presence
      - b. In Heaven faith made sight in Christ's presence
    - 4. We work (v 9)
      - a. We are ambitious to please God in our tents.
      - b. A successful intimate relationship between two people is not the chief end or highest good of humankind. The highest good is the movement from being me to being like Jesus and then experiencing His full presence.
    - 5. We will appear (v 10)
      - a. Not every believer is ambitious to please God, but every believer will appear before Him.
      - b. Judgment seat
        - 1) Great White Throne = where Christ judges the wicked (Heaven and Hell)

- 2) Judgment seat = believer's work and ways judged
  - a) Revelation - everything we've done will be exposed including our true character and motives
  - b) Reckoning = give account of our ministry calling; reward and recognition. Faithful = rejoicing; unfaithful = devastation (but God will wipe away every tear)

### III. What now?

#### A. There is hope.

1. Recognize first that your fulfillment is not in a relationship or thing here on Earth.
2. Remember that God's design in your life is not to make you feel more like you but to make you more like Jesus - which is far better than "being yourself".
3. Repent of what you are doing to satisfy your desire.
4. Re-surrender yourself to what God wants for you rather than what you want for you.

#### B. We as a church body are here to help you become like Jesus.

1. Now, you may at this moment feel satisfied where you're at and don't see why you need to seek forgiveness and restoration. I don't need that from you. But I also am not the only way for you to be made whole - that's Jesus. When you can no longer resist the Holy Spirit, know that we at CrossPoint are open armed and willing to love you through the entire process of God's design for your life.
2. Communion