

“Drink water from your own well— share your love only with your wife. Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone? You should reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers.” Proverbs 5:15-17 NLT

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Here is another round of warnings about the promiscuous woman. And Solomon and his wisdom cohort hit it head on (no pun intended). I still believe the warning is for both genders and that women have just as much to be concerned about the permissive male! It's not just men that are trapped, solicited and taken advantage of - it's also women. Women swayed not so much by sex (although powerful), but by the false promise of love, care, protection and just companionship. And, men, notoriously have failed to follow through. So alternatively, why should women waste their lady-parts and lady-love on losers? Wouldn't they be better just saving for a man that will really be a man and commit to them and to family? Maybe the wisdom gang would agree. The writers have this ominous perspective, “For the Lord sees clearly what a man [woman] does, examining every path he [she] takes. An evil man [woman] is held captive by his [her] own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him [her].” God sees, God knows. That should help correct and comfort us.

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Dad,
Honestly, from someone who knew nothing about life, manhood, relationships, marriage, faithfulness and family - you have really come through with your promise to father me in ALL ASPECTS of doing life. Looking back over 40+ years (37 married & 5 dating one girl), 3 adult and married children and 1 grandchild - I am both grateful and completely convinced these relationship proverbs are TRUE. You said it would work, and it does. Thank You Dad.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root