
Sermon Text Discussion 3/26/17

Proverbs 7 – “The Wisdom of Christ for Sexual Temptation” by Drew Hunter

Overview

For the second time in three chapters, the author of Proverbs offers wisdom for sexual temptation. This text offers its readers the wisdom of Christ as they learn to trust him more deeply. Jesus came not just to forgive us our sins but to transform us to walk in sexual integrity. This text helps us to do that by:

- 1) Preparing us for temptation (v.1-5)
- 2) Seeing through temptation (v.6-23)
- 3) Learning from temptation (v.24-27)

Just as the father in this text is sharing wisdom with his teenage son, so we also should be quick to share this wisdom with other brothers and sisters in Christ. Temptation will come, but with the help of the Holy Spirit, the wisdom of Christ, and accountability of true fellowship, we can walk in sexual integrity.

Quotations

“Yet all these fences and their whole array. One cunning bosom-sin blows quite away.” -George Herbert

“To say physically, ‘I am giving myself to you,’ while emotionally and spiritually holding back from covenanted commitment is in fact to live a lie – a split in the personality which is ultimately stressful and destructive.”
- David Atkinson

“Jesus will forgive you. Your wife might. Your children will not.” -unknown

Understanding & Application

- 1) Read Proverbs 2:10-12a. How do we use wisdom to avoid failure? Provide a recent example of a time when wisdom has helped you.
- 2) Read Proverbs 7:21-23. What does the text say is the cost of sin? Do you avoid sin as if it will cost you your life? Do you repent from sin as if the cost of your rebellion is the cost of your life?
- 3) In order to walk with sexual integrity, we must avoid taking small steps down the path toward sexual sin. These steps might look like being critical of your spouse, thinking you deserve better, or letting your eyes wander freely. In which of these areas have you already taken small steps? In addition to confessing these things to your group, what do you need to do in order to maintain sexual integrity?
- 4) What precautions do you need to put into place (Covenant Eyes, reading *Finally Free*) to fight temptation?
- 5) What steps do you need to take in order to begin the process of repentance from sexual sin and the restoration of affected relationships?
- 6) What texts from Scripture assure you that Jesus can forgive you for sexual sin and free you from sexual addiction?