



**Scripture:** Read Proverbs 5.

**Study:**

1. What method does the forbidden woman use to tempt the man? Why is this so appealing?
2. Randy Alcorn wrote this in his book entitled *The Purity Principle*,

Those who have succumbed to sexual temptation did not do so in their self-interest. Rather, they pursued what they imagined was their self interest. Had they pursued their true self interest they would have run from temptation as a slithering cobra or a live grenade. They would have embraced purity as drowning person grabs a life preserver. And how different their lives and families would be today if they had (Randy Alcorn, *The Purity Principle*, pg. 23)!

Is Mr. Alcorn correct? Does the author of Proverbs 5 present sexual purity as being in a person's own best interests? Explain.

3. This chapter outlines in detail the terrible consequences of adultery, but it also gives some positive instruction about sexual activity. What is the right way to find sexual satisfaction?
4. Why does the author describe legitimate sexual activity the way that he does? What is he attempting to teach his readers through this description of sex within marriage?
5. What are we supposed to learn about sexual sin from verse 22?

**Application:**

1. How will you apply verse 8? What specifically are you going to avoid and stay away from?
2. Remember the principle that sexual purity is always in your own best interest. Sexual immorality is always dangerous and foolish. Purity is safe. Purity is freedom. Immorality is enslavement.
3. Make sure to direct all of your sexual activity toward your spouse. If you are single, this means that you wait until you are married. If you are married, and you are struggling with sexual immorality, then you need to be intoxicated once again with sex within marriage. Great sex, and the satisfaction found in that, begins with a great relationship with your spouse. Make sure to work on your marriage and demonstrate consistent love and honor to your spouse.