

Proverbs –
Moral Matters

The topic of Morals is . . .

- Most inclusive – includes murder, false weights, drinking, civil disobedience, etc.
- Divided into large sections, with emphasis on promiscuity.

I. Best Defense Is
Good Offense, Prov.2

1-5: attitude of youth toward parental instruction

1: treasure; cherish parental commands

2: listen...incline... Strain to hear

3-4: cry out...you seek it

4-5: if you seek (4) you will find (5)

Mt.7 ⁷ Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

6-22: results. Young person who
listens to parents gets . . .

6: wisdom. Ja.1:5

7-9: shield (defense, protection; Gn.15:1)

10-15: safety

11: preserve, guard you: safe from danger

16-17: deliverance [immoral woman]

Gn.39: flatters, forsakes, forgets. Mal.2

18-19: house of death

20-22: result: way of goodness...

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End of the line

1-2: pay attention

3: immoral woman

Lit.: *stranger* (Lv.10:1)

Foreigner in context: “outside the circle of [man’s] proper relations –harlot, adulteress”

Lips: 7:21, smooth words, flattery

Honey, oil (3)...

Wormwood, sword, 4, death, Sheol, 5

Unstable, 6

Can you hear me now? (7)

8: keep away (for own good). 1 Co.6:18

9-10: give away (reputation). Lk.15:30

11: go away (flesh, body consumed)

12: pine away (“I didn’t listen,” 13; “ruined,” 14)

14: run away. Gn.39

Real joy, no regret

15-20: “own cistern”

21-23: those who reject God’s standard

- 1) either live to regret it
- 2) or don’t live...and regret it forever

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**III. Matter Of Mind
Over Matter, Prov.6**

Back to the basics

20-23: repeated lessons should sink in.

“Don’t leave home without it”

24-25: mind is the battleground.

27-35: suicidal to put matter over mind.

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**IV. Be Afraid Of
The Dark, Prov.7**

Repetition, Repetition, Repetition

1-5: parents – repeat lessons

Keep, 1 . . . keep from, 5

2: apple of eye: little man. Dt.32:10

3: bind...on fingers

4: what to say to wisdom

5: immoral woman's words contradict father's words (1-2)

What Solomon saw

6-7: simple...devoid of understanding

8: wrong place, wrong way

9: wrong time. Ro.13:12

10: wrong person, wrong clothes. 1 Co.15:33

14: she uses religion as opportunity for sin

15: 'Only you!' (12)

19: married

21: flattery → 22-23, wrong conclusion

What Solomon saw

24-27, **urgency: slain...strong...death**

1 Co.10:12, the one who thinks he stands,
let him take heed lest he fall.

25: **her ways lead to morgue, hades, hell**

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V. Applications

1. Simple person is immature, inexperienced, foolish

- Being simple is not a sin in itself, but IS very dangerous. Pr.1:4; 7:7; 22:3
- Staying simple is a sin. Pr.9:4. 1 Co.3:1-3
- Time alone cannot cure immaturity.
 - Prov.1:22 (Ro.16:18-19)

2. The mind makes the person

- Pr.4:23, keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life
- **GIGO**
 - Gold?
 - Sports?
 - Immorality? Mt.15:18-19

3. Marriage bond is special (Mt.19:5)

- Glue, cement together, tape...
 - 1 Co.6:16, immorality too weak to survive
 - Marriage bond is second closest bond
- Prov.7:
 - 24: listen and live.
 - 25: you are in control.
 - 26: odds are against you...
 - 27: gateway to hell. 2 Tim.2:22. Gn.39.

4. Eternal destiny depends on choices we make

- **Wisdom:** fem. noun – personified as woman.
Prov.9:1-6...vs 14-16
 - Same invitations
 - Character determined by one we accept
- Prov.13:15, the way of the transgressor is hard
 - Lk.15, prodigal son...