

Carrying Fire > Proverbs 6:20-35

6:20-24 Wisdom will keep you from desiring the sorrows that adultery produces. The father's warning to the son is in the same vein as all his other teachings: the Lord's wisdom is necessary for every arena of life, including relationships.

6:25-29 Wisdom will keep you from the certain consequences of adultery. In spite of what our world so often promotes, the reality is that adultery always brings consequences of one kind or another, and they are devastatingly costly.

6:30-35 Wisdom will keep you from the shame and hatred that adultery brings. The father wants to spare his son from the inescapable results of adultery: bringing shame upon himself and suffering the wrath of the spurned husband.

Context: This is the second of three teachings that Solomon gives to his son about relationships with the opposite sex. The first focused on being satisfied in his own wife. The third will be a warning against the ways that the adulteress might tempt his wayward heart toward sin.

Aim: To show how destructive adultery is – it brings consequences not only in the present, but in the future also.

Gospel: The good news is that Jesus, while tempted in every way that we are, never gave in to sin. Therefore, He is our perfect, righteous, High Priest who knows what we need.

Applications: Will you keep far from the temptation of adultery? What safeguards do you need to put in place to offer a good witness to your family and community? How can you rely on God's grace to strengthen you and cleanse you?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
