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7:1-5 The need for a strategy. The father is desperately calling the son to live wisely. To prove his point, he once again returns to the topic of adultery to show how the temptations of sin are directly targeted and how they are to be resisted.

7:6-23 The methods of the enemy. Part of coming up with a strategy to fight sin is to recognize how temptations come. Note the different ways that the adulteress tempts the young man, and then recognize the fact that most temptations come through a variety of means.

7:24-27 The right way to fight. To fight temptation faithfully, we need to have a strategy. The father presents his sons with a three-point plan revolving around the need for wisdom, staying far from temptation, and recognizing the lies of sin.

Context: This is the third major section addressing adultery in these early chapters of Proverbs.

Aim: To call all who would be wise to resist sin (not only adultery, but all sin) by seeing the need for a strategy to maintain holiness and then putting that strategy into place.

Gospel: It is because Jesus has died in our place for our sins that we can have any hope for salvation. Similarly, it is because of the Holy Spirit indwelling us that we are no longer slaves to sin. Jesus sets us free and secures our salvation!

Applications: How is your battle with sin going? Who can you trust to help and pray for you? What example are you giving to your children, neighbors, coworkers, etc. about how a Christian lives? What can holiness look like as a congregation?

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