

(Proverbs 7:1-27)
“*Seduction That Destroys*”

~ PRAYER ~

TONIGHT...

- We're back on the topic of sexual sin...
 - And Solomon gives tools...
 - To defeat sexual temptation.

(Luke 17:1) NLT

- *“There will always be temptations to sin...”*

NO MATTER WHAT WE LEARN...

- Repetition is a key teaching tool...
 - To help with retention.

SO... SOLOMON...

- Give a new angle on the tactics & enticements that lead to sexual sin.

IDEA #1 – SEX AND MY BRAIN

SOLOMON...

- Is shares how to win the battle against sexual sin.
 - It's a battle of the mind.
 - And we can only WIN by protecting it!!!

OUR BRAINS WEIGH...

- About 3-lbs +/-
 - It uses about 20% of our daily energy...
 - And it has more than 100-billion neurons in it.

A PARTIAL EXPLANATION OF THE BRAIN...

- Looks like this:
 - a) The limbic system (which is fully-formed by age 6)...
 - It supports emotions, behavior, motivation, smell,
 - And long-term memory.

THIS IS WHY THE STRUCTURE & INSTRUCTION...

- In our homes is so important for our children.
 - (An untaught child is an unprotected child.)

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ANOTHER PORTION OF THE BRAIN...

- b) The prefrontal cortex...
 - This is where reasoning, impulse-control, and moral & ethical...
 - Decisions are made in the brain.
 - Not totally formed until age 25.

SEXUAL SIN... ALWAYS STARTS OUT...

- As a moral problem (God’s way or another way)...
 - BUT it ends up literally becoming a brain problem.

WHEN SEX IS USED OUTSIDE OF GODS’ WAY...

- Either thru self-gratification OR with others...
 - The neuro-system is impacted (it’s literally damaged).

IDEA #2 – PROGRESSION OF TEMPTATION

THIS IS A STORY FOR TEACHING.

- It acts out the tactics & enticements...
 - That pull (people) off course:
 - A pretty face (v.10)
 - A nice feeling (v.13)
 - A good smell (v.17)
 - Flattering words (v.21)
 - And no risk (vv.19-20)

(Ps. 1:1)

- Backsliding is a process of losing ground in the mind...
 - That impacts the choices we make.

(Gal. 5:16) NKJV

“walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the desires of the flesh”

(James 1:15) NKJV

“... when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin...”

(John 8:32) NKJV

“... you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

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IDEA #3 – WARNING OF CONSEQUENCES

THE CHAPTER CLOSSES...

- With a firm warning (v.25).

Hebrew (#3820) – *la-ve* (heart)

- **Intellect** = The faculty of reasoning & understanding
- **Desires** = Wanting or wishing (impulses)
- **Motives** = The reason for doing something
- **Feelings** = Emotional state or reaction

HE’S SAYING... USE YOUR HEAD MY BOY!

- Don’t jack up your life...
 - By letting the lust of your flesh...
 - The lust of your eyes...
 - And the pride of life destroy you.

(v.26) Sampson toyed with Delilah (Judges 16:19).

- David toyed with Bathsheba (2 Sam. 11:2).
 - Solomon took on hundreds of concubines / wives (Neh. 13:26)

~ IN CLOSING ~ (30-Second Salvation Invitation)

MAYBE YOU’RE ASKING...

- How can God help you?

THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS...

- Jesus died for your sin...
 - He rose from the grave...
 - And He invites you to trust Him.

(Rom. 10:9)

“... if you believe in your heart and confess Him as Lord, you will be saved.”