

## SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) We are facing a national tragedy of unmarried teenaged pregnancies.
  - i) Things on the horizon don't seem to be getting better but worse.
  - ii) The fault lies not in schools or in Congress or in the church, but the fault is in the home.
    - (1) The fault is primarily with the fathers.
- b) It is the father who is to be the head of the home; therefore, it is the father who is to accept the responsibility and to bear the blame if the home is wrong.
- c) Our nation has gone through what some have called a sexual revolution.
  - i) Some call it the new morality.
    - (1) But it is only the old immorality with a different title.
- d) Deuteronomy 5:18, 21
- e) Deuteronomy 6:6-9
  - i) God has given commandments for the home, the family, and for the welfare of society that we might live long in the land that He has given us.
  - ii) Fathers are to teach these things to their children.
    - (1) Most fathers do not know how to do this.
- f) How are fathers to teach these things to their children?
  - i) They are to teach them vitally.
    - (1) Deuteronomy 6:6
      - (a) These words shall be down in your heart.
      - (b) They are to be a vital part of your life.
    - (2) A father cannot teach it unless he knows it.
  - ii) They are to teach them verbally.
    - (1) Not only should you vitalize it, but you should also verbalize it.
    - (2) Deuteronomy 6:7
      - (3) Fathers need to learn to start talking.
        - (a) They need to talk freely with their children.
      - (4) This is to be such a part of their lives that they talk about these things when they rise up, lie down, go out, and when they come in.
        - (a) In a normal conversation, they are to share these things.
          - (i) This is the best teaching.
      - (5) Speak the things of God normally, naturally, and consistently every day.
  - iii) They need to visualize it.
    - (1) Deuteronomy 6:8
      - (a) The Jewish people of that day would put the Scripture in a box and wear it upon their foreheads and right hands.
        - (i) They would carry the Scripture with them as a sign that they loved the Word of God.
    - (2) Deuteronomy 6:9
      - (a) Visualize it; let them see it.

- (3) Teenagers should have something that they can read and see.
  - (a) Have something before them constantly, such as Christian books, music, and Christian movies.
  - (b) Let them be able to visualize what you are saying.
- g) It is the father's responsibility to vitalize, to verbalize, and to visualize the things that God has said about the sanctity of marriage, pre-marital purity, and post-marital chastity.
  - i) The father is to be the teacher.
- h) In today's message, we will eavesdrop on the conversation of a very wise dad as he teaches his son the facts of life in Proverbs 5.

## 2) FATHERS NEED TO SHOW THE DANGERS OF IMMORALITY

- a) Proverbs 5:1-3
  - i) In this passage, the words "strange woman" do not mean an "odd woman."
  - ii) The word "strange" here is translated elsewhere in Scripture as "alien" or "foreign," but it does not necessarily mean a person from another country.
    - (1) It literally means someone who is not yours or someone whom you have no right to.
      - (a) By inference, it means "an immoral woman."
- b) Proverbs 5:3-6
  - i) We can never really trust in this kind of a relationship.
- c) Immorality does not bring fulfillment.
  - i) Every father needs to teach his children that the devil promises much, but he always pays off with counterfeit money.
    - (1) Teenagers need to be taught that moral impurity does not bring genuine fulfillment.
  - ii) The world teaches us that it does bring fulfillment.
    - (1) It teaches that if we do not live that type of lifestyle, then we will miss it all.
    - (2) The world teaches that God is some sort of a cosmic killjoy and that everything that is fun is either illegal or immoral.
      - (a) This is liable against Almighty God.
      - (3) Teenagers are being taught that if they do not go the world's way, then they are going to miss fulfillment.
        - (a) This is a lie.
  - iii) Psychologists have said that students suffer from psychological problems because of immoral relationships.
  - iv) Dads need to carefully and artfully teach their kids that immorality is not the way to fulfillment.
  - v) It seems old-fashioned today that boys and girls should come to the marriage altar pure and as virgins.
    - (1) This is the plan and will of God.

- (2) Keep yourself for the one you are going to marry.
  - (a) It is a blessing and a treasure.
  - (b) Don't let the devil tell you that there's something better.
    - (i) The devil doesn't love you.
    - (ii) The devil is a liar.
      - 1. Dads need to teach this.
- d) Immorality does endanger future happiness.
  - i) Not only does it not bring present fulfillment, but it also steals away joy from the future.
  - ii) Impurity kills real love.
    - (1) The more promiscuousness prevails, the more the tenderness and the sensitivity of real love disappears.
    - (2) It can never have the depth and beauty that God intended for it to have.
  - iii) A study once revealed:
    - (1) The more promiscuous people were before marriage, the less happy they were after marriage.
    - (2) People who were pure when they came to the marriage altar have the highest degree of marital happiness after marriage.
  - iv) There is something about impurity before marriage that mitigates against happiness after marriage.
    - (1) It causes suspicion.
    - (2) When a boy tells a girl that he loves her and is trying to get her to compromise, he is actually saying that he loves himself.
      - (a) He calls it love, but it is lust.
        - (i) Love wants to give; lust wants to get.
        - (ii) Love wants to protect, but not lust.
      - (b) Being able to wait proves love.
        - (i) Do you love the other person enough that you can still honor and respect that person without sexual fulfillment?
        - (ii) The Bible says that Jacob loved a girl, and he had to wait seven years to marry that girl.
          - 1. The Bible says that those years were as nothing because of the love that he had for her.
            - a. Genesis 29:20
        - (c) Love can wait; it is lust that cannot wait.
    - v) If we sacrifice the future on the altar of the immediate, then we are making a bad bargain.
      - (1) We will be sinning against our future happiness.
      - (2) Don't sacrifice something so beautiful and wonderful.
  - e) We will have to answer to Almighty God for the way that we live.
    - i) Proverbs 5:21-23
    - ii) Solomon warns his son that sin first fascinates, then it assassinates.

- (1) First sin thrills, and then sin kills.
  - iii) The ways of a man are before the Lord.
    - (1) We will have to answer to God.
  - iv) Many times, kids talk about “going all the way,” but they don’t go all the way.
    - (1) If there is a pregnancy, then they have to tell their parents.
      - (a) Then they have gone a little further.
    - (2) If a baby comes along and they have to get married before they are ready to get married, then they have gone a little further.
    - (3) If they have an abortion and have the pangs of a guilty conscience that they have taken an innocent life, then they have gone a little further but still not all the way.
    - (4) We do not go all the way until we meet God at the judgment.
      - (a) One day we will have to face God.
      - (b) There is a God who runs this universe, and He has laid down some holy laws.
        - (i) Exodus 20:14
        - (ii) Where are the fathers who will say to their children that this is right and this is wrong because God says so?
  - f) Where are the fathers today who will tell them about this sin that gets itself around a person’s life?
    - i) Proverbs 5:22
    - ii) People talk about free love.
      - (1) It is not free; they are bound.
        - (a) There is nothing that gets a stranglehold on a person more than this kind of a sin.
          - (i) 1 Corinthians 6:18
      - (2) Dads need to teach this to their children.
- 3) FATHERS NEED TO GIVE DIRECTION ON HOW TO LIVE CLEAN AND PURE
- a) It is not enough to just give a warning.
  - b) Proverbs 5:7-9
    - i) We are to guard our company and not get into a compromising position.
    - ii) We are to be careful of the company that we keep.
  - c) 1 Corinthians 15:33
    - i) People will get in trouble if they run with the wrong crowd.
      - (1) Twenty-seven times in the New Testament, we are told to run not with the wrong crowd but from the wrong crowd.
  - d) 1 Corinthians 6:18
    - i) Don’t try to see how close you can get to fornication.
      - (1) See how far you can stay away from it.
    - ii) This is not a sin that we are told to fight.
      - (1) This is a sin we are told to flee.

- e) 1 Corinthians 10:13
  - f) It has been said that he who would not fall down ought not to walk in slippery places.
    - i) This is what Solomon was saying to his son.
      - (1) Don't even go near the door of her house.
        - (a) Proverbs 5:8
    - ii) We have already sinned if we willingly and deliberately put ourselves in temptation.
      - (1) When someone goes on a date and watches an immoral movie, they have already put themselves in temptation.
      - (2) Don't get into a situation where you find yourself with something you cannot handle.
    - iii) Happy is the father who sits down with his son and daughter and explains to them not to walk in slippery places.
  - g) It is not that parents do not trust their children's character; they just do not trust their instincts.
    - i) Trust is not something that is dispensed freely.
    - ii) Trust is built on solid experience and not emotion.
      - (1) A parent would not trust their child, who just finished a course in freshman chemistry and wants to be a doctor, to perform an operation.
        - (a) Trust would be premature and altogether misplaced.
    - iii) To trust young people with the explosive potentials of sex is to throw them completely on their own with no safeguards, rules, or restraints.
      - (1) This is not trust but foolish and dangerous irresponsibility.
      - (2) Teenagers are not ready to face those things.
    - iv) When teenagers date, parents need to see to it that they date in the right environment.
      - (1) It is up to parents to care enough to set limits, to guard, and to guide their children.
- 4) FATHERS NEED TO POINT OUT THE DELIGHTS OF KEEPING GOD'S WORD
- a) Solomon showed his son the delights of a wonderful marriage.
    - i) Proverbs 5:15-20
      - (1) In this passage, Solomon was telling his son not to miss the joy of a Christian home.
        - (a) Don't miss having the security of a lasting marriage and the satisfaction of a loving mate.
        - (b) There is no greater joy than this on Earth.
      - (2) God is not trying to keep sex from us.
        - (a) God is trying to keep sex for us.
          - (i) It is God's loving gift.
    - ii) God has a plan for us.

- (1) The sad thing would be to miss God's best.
- b) It has been said about the marriage relationship, when rightly understood and properly appreciated, that it is the most delightful, sacred, and solemn of human relations.
  - i) It is by many lightly regarded and discarded, but marriage will ever remain in the sight of God an eternal union made possible only by the gift of love which God alone can bestow.
- c) It is up to dads to vitalize, to verbalize, and to teach their kids the Word of God.

## 5) CONCLUSION

- a) God wants you to have three homes:
  - i) A home in Heaven.
  - ii) A church home.
  - iii) A family home.
    - (1) Jesus is the key to all three.
- b) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- c) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
  - i) Romans 3:23
  - ii) Romans 10:9-10
  - iii) Romans 10:13
  - iv) Acts 16:31
  - v) John 3:16