



TRUE WISDOM
- FOR -
TRUE LIVING



“Wisdom and sexual temptation”
Proverbs 5-7

Proverbs 1:2-7

Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair...Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline

Proverbs 5:1-2

My son, pay attention to my wisdom,
turn your ear to my words of insight, that
you may maintain discretion and your
lips may preserve knowledge

1. Who is teaching your children?

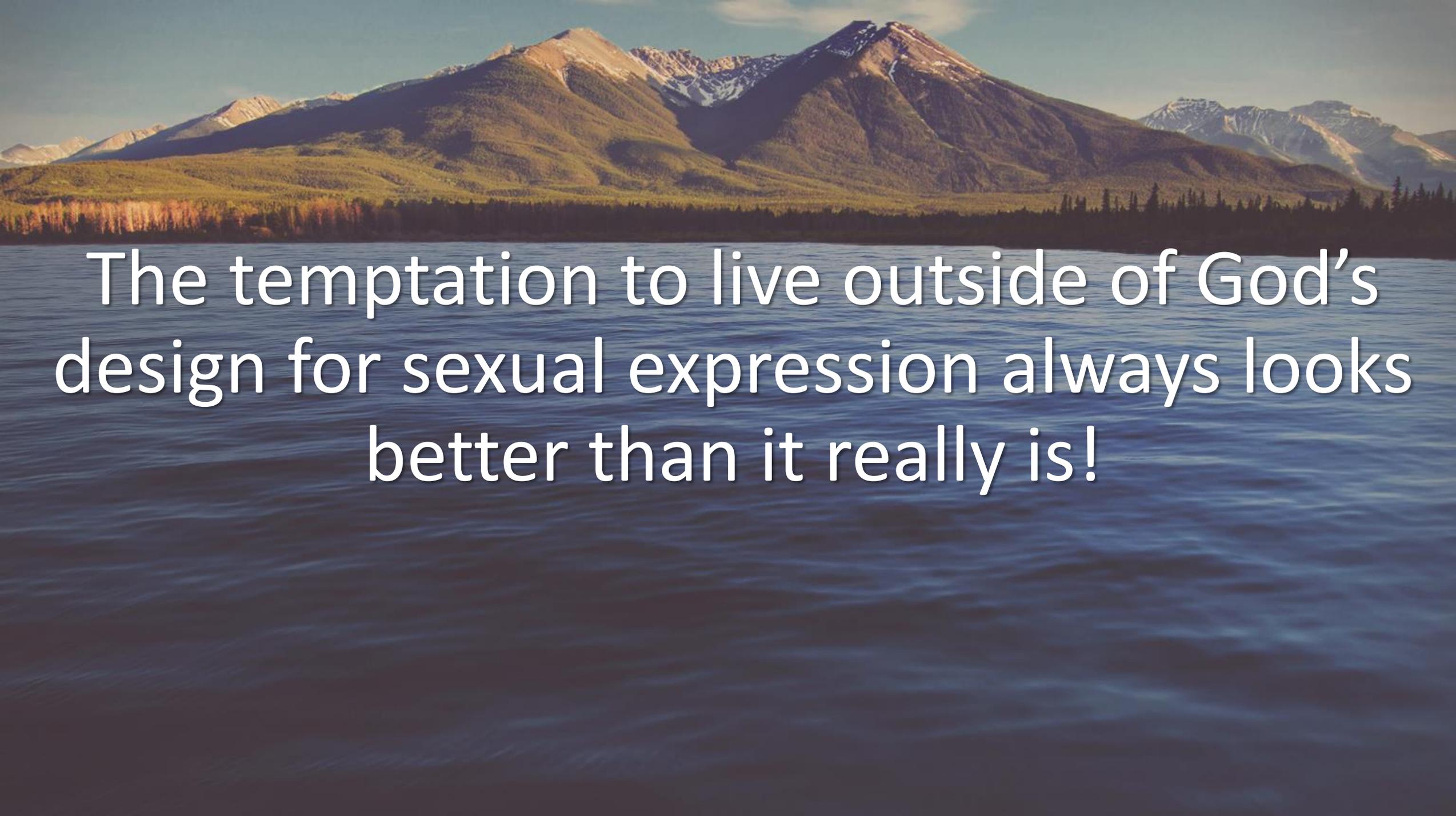


2. Listen to the warning!



Proverbs 5:3-6

For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol; she does not ponder the path of life; her ways wander, and she does not know it



The temptation to live outside of God's design for sexual expression always looks better than it really is!



3. Be aware of the consequences

Proverbs 5:4

“...but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword”

Proverbs 6:27-29

Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned? Or can one walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched? So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; none who touches her will go unpunished

Proverbs 5:7-14

And now, O sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. Keep your way far from her (temptation), and do not go near the door of her house, lest you give your honor to others and your years to the merciless, lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner, and at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed, and you say, "How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors. I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation"

Proverbs 5:7-8

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I Corinthians 10:12-13

Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it

4. Choose the alternative



Proverbs 5:15-19

Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love



5. Take a reality check

Proverbs 5:21-23

For a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths...

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will