**Connecting with Your Spouse**

Proverbs 5:15-21

**Proverbs 5:15 (ESV)**Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well.

**Proverbs 5:16 (ESV)**Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets?

**Proverbs 5:17 (ESV)**Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you.

**Proverbs 5:18 (ESV)**Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

**Proverbs 5:19 (ESV)**a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.

**Proverbs 5:20 (ESV)**Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?

**Proverbs 5:21 (ESV)**For a man’s ways are before the eyes of the Lord, and He ponders all his paths.

***To enjoy your marriage …***

1. ***Be Cautious***

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**Proverbs 6:27 (ESV)**Can a man carry fire next to his chest and his clothes not be burned?

**Proverbs 6:28 (ESV)**Or can one walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched?

**Proverbs 6:29 (ESV)**So is he who goes in to his neighbor’s wife; none who touches her will go unpunished.

***3 Major Caution Signs:*** [this should be a build list]

*Being alone with a person of the opposite sex.*

*Opening the doorway of your eyes to sexual temptation.*

*Becoming emotionally intimate with anyone other than your spouse.*

1. ***Be Contented***

**Proverbs 5:18 (ESV)**Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

**Proverbs 5:19a (ESV)**a lovely deer, a graceful doe.

1. ***Be Captivated***

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***Couples who stay together …*** [this should be a build list]

*Frequently say, “I love you.”*

*Are physically affectionate.*

*Express their love sexually.*

*Share their thoughts and feelings.*

*Show their love materially.*

*Create time alone together.*

1. ***Be Convicted***

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