



VALUES?

"Sexual Values—Conflicting Views" Proverbs 7:1-27

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George Gallup, the famous pollster, says, "There's no question about it. The sex-related issues are going to be the most important issues facing all churches in the foreseeable future. Abortion, AIDS, premarital sex, homosexuality, all those are going to be at the vortex."

I. Recognizing Sexual Saturation.

- A. Changing attitudes.
 - 1. From absolutes to relatives.
 - 2. From "fear" to "freedom."
 - a. Infection.
 - b. Conception.
 - c. Detection.
 - 3. From "being good" to "feeling good."
 - 4. From "commitment" to "enjoyment."
- B. Pervasive atmosphere.
 - 1. Sex as fun.
 - 2. Sex as freedom.
 - 3. Sex as fulfillment.

II. Resisting Sexual Seduction.

- A. Beware of its advent. 7:1-27
 - 1. Vulnerability. vv. 6-9
 - a. Lack of judgment.
 - b. Wrong direction.
 - 2. Availability. vv. 10-20
 - a. Sex without confusion. vv. 10-13
 - b. Sex without shame. v. 14
 - c. Sex without limits. vv. 15-18
 - d. Sex without consequences. vv. 19-20
 - e. Sex without honor. vv. 21-27
- B. Be ready to prevent.
 - 1. Wisdom "will keep you." vv. 1-5
 - 2. "Guard your heart." 4:23
 - 3. "Watch your mouth." 4:24
 - 4. "Fix your gaze." 4:25
 - 5. "Make level paths." 4:26-27

III. Reaching Sexual Satisfaction.

- A. "Let love and faithfulness never leave you." 3:3-4
 - 1. Love (*hesed*). See Exodus 34:6
 - 2. Faithfulness (*emet*).
- B. "In all your ways acknowledge Him." 3:5-6
 - 1. Trust your sexuality to the Lord.
 - 2. "He will make your paths straight."
- C. "Fear the Lord and shun evil." 3:7-8
 - 1. "Do not be wise in your own eyes."
 - 2. "This will bring health to your body."

Points to Ponder: To which sexual seductions am I vulnerable? To what degree am I experiencing sexual satisfaction?