



## VALUES

### "Sexual Values—Belief and Behavior" Proverbs 7:1-27

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Contemporary society has been described as "sex-saturated." Sexual values that have long been rejected covertly are now openly challenged and contravened and new values are being espoused and practiced.

#### **I. Resisting Sexual Seduction.**

##### **A. Recognize its approach.**

1. Vulnerability—a lack of judgment. 7:6-9
2. Availability—a lack of shame. 7:10-20
3. Accountability—a lack of control. 6:30-35

##### **B. Resist its attack.**

1. "Guard your heart." 4:23
  - a. By understanding it is:
    - i. The wellspring of life. Cf. John 4:14; 7:38
    - ii. The reflector of reality. 27:19
    - iii. The deviser of wicked schemes. 6:18; Mark 7:20f
    - iv. The seat of conscience. 20:9
    - v. The tablet of truth. 7:3
  - b. By undergirding it.
    - i. By keeping it informed. See 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
    - ii. By avoiding it being inflamed. 6:25
    - iii. By protecting it from being infected. 20:9
2. Watch your mouth. 4:24
3. Focus your attention. 4:25
4. Watch your step. 4:26-27

#### **II. Reaching Sexual Satisfaction.**

##### **A. The possibilities of marital love. 5:15f**

1. Exclusive.
2. Ecstatic.

##### **B. The principles of marital love. 3:3-6**

1. Let love and faithfulness never leave you. 3:3-4
2. In all your ways acknowledge him. 3:5-6
3. Fear the Lord and shun evil. 3:7-8

**Points to Ponder:** Sex is God's idea. The abuse of sexuality leads to all manner of evil. The proper approach brings deep satisfaction.