

**Proverbs 5:1-23** " Because You're mine I'll walk the line "

<sup>1</sup> My son, give attention to my wisdom, *A call to a divine perspective*

Incline your ear to my understanding;

<sup>2</sup> That you may observe discretion *... and to moral discernment*

And your lips may reserve knowledge. *... and to have an answer ready on your lips*

the "c'mon" — <sup>3</sup> For the lips of an adulteress drip honey *... Another set of lips are deadly...*

And smoother than oil is her speech; *deceptive and dangerous*

the "good bye" — <sup>4</sup> But in the end she is bitter as wormwood,  
Sharp as a two-edged sword.

her steps lead to death and judgment — <sup>5</sup> Her feet go down to death,  
Her steps take hold of Sheol.

She is unstable — <sup>6</sup> She does not ponder the path of life;  
Her ways are unstable, she does not know it.

<sup>7</sup> Now then, my sons, listen to me *the adulteress (or adulterer) has no idea of what she's doing*

And do not depart from the words of my mouth. *the word of God not the lips of the adulterous...*

<sup>8</sup> Keep your way far from her

And do not go near the door of her house,

.. because she is deadly... and will drain you dry...

<sup>9</sup> Or you will give your vigor to others

And your years to the cruel one;

<sup>10</sup> And strangers will be filled with your strength

And your hard-earned goods will go to the house of an alien;

<sup>11</sup> And you groan at your final end,

When your flesh and your body are consumed;

<sup>12</sup>And you say, "How I have hated instruction!

And my heart spurned reproof!

*Someday you will wish  
you had listened to truth...*

<sup>13</sup>"I have not listened to the voice of my teachers,

Nor inclined my ear to my instructors!

<sup>14</sup>"I was almost in utter ruin

*Sin brought him to the level of utter ruin*

In the midst of the assembly and congregation."

<sup>15</sup>Drink water from your own cistern *wife*

*An admonition to men  
- stay true to your wife!*

And fresh water from your own well.

<sup>16</sup>Should your springs be dispersed abroad,

*a man's spring or "seed"  
- barren and useless*

Streams of water in the streets?

<sup>17</sup>Let them be yours alone *Your wife and family*

And not for strangers with you.

*a woman to whom you have  
no covenant or commitment*

<sup>18</sup>Let your fountain be blessed,

And rejoice in the wife of your youth.

*The woman you made a vow to on  
your wedding day.*

<sup>19</sup>As a loving hind and a graceful doe,

*be gentle and tender*

Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;

Be *let "intoxicated"* exhilarated always with her love.

<sup>20</sup>For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress

And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?

*again it is only the biological event you  
are interested in*

*God sees all things*

<sup>21</sup>For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD,

*...including what  
you are sneaking  
around and doing* And He watches all his paths.

<sup>22</sup>His own iniquities will capture the wicked,

*He will make your sin come back on you.*

