



“Care for Your Marriage”
Relationship 101! Series
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Proverbs 5:1-2

3-point marriage inspection:

- 1) Am I **PROTECTING** my marriage?
 - *Proverbs 5:3-7*
 - *Proverbs 5:9-11*
 - How do we protect our marriage:
 - a) Protect your **EYES**
 - b) Protect your **MIND**
 - c) Protect your **STEPS**
 - d) Protect your **SCHEDULE**
 - e) Be on **GUARD**
- 2) Am I **INVESTING** in my marriage?
 - **SMALL** investments every day can reap **BIG** rewards in marriage.
 - *Proverbs 5:12-14*
 - *Proverbs 5:14-17*
 - Different ways to invest in your marriage:
 - a) **SPIRITUALLY** invest in your marriage
 - b) **PHYSICALLY** invest in each other
 - c) **EMOTIONALLY** invest
 - Prayer for your spouse each day: “Lord, how can I love my (husband/wife) today like (he/she) has never been loved & never will be loved?”
- 3) Am I **ENJOYING** my marriage?
 - It's not a lack of love that leads to unhappiness in marriage, it's a lack of **FRIENDSHIP!**
 - *Proverbs 5:18-19*

C3 Group Questions

Last Week's Next Steps: Did you gather at C3 on Sunday to express your faith? Did you build your faith this week through consistent time in prayer & God's Word? If so share what stood out to you in your time with God?

Icebreaker: What advice (if any) have your parents given you on marriage?

Review: What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

Group Discussion:

Read Proverbs 5:1-23. What bells & whistles go off in your mind/heart after reading this chapter?

This chapter is filled with picture words. Do these picture words enhance the point of the passage for you or detract from it? What is the main point of this chapter?

Read Proverbs 5:3. Why is adultery appealing?

Read verses 7-8, 12-13, 20-22. What helps him resist adultery?

Read Proverbs 5:9-11, 14. What consequences does this permissive lifestyle reap?

What causes a person to think, "The grass is greener on the other side"?

- Are wives tempted by the same things as husbands?

The adulteress doesn't even realize "her paths are crooked" (verse 6). If you were going down the wrong path, would you want someone to correct you? If so who & how?

What difference, if any, will verse 21 make in your future thoughts & decisions regarding sex?

How can this group pray for me? How can I pray for those in my group?

This Week's Next Steps: (*"Do not merely listen to the word....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

Read Proverbs 5 & meditate on it. Then ask yourself the following questions:

- Am I protecting my marriage?
- Am I investing in my marriage?
 - What small investments could I make in my marriage this week that could reap big rewards?
- Am I enjoying my marriage?