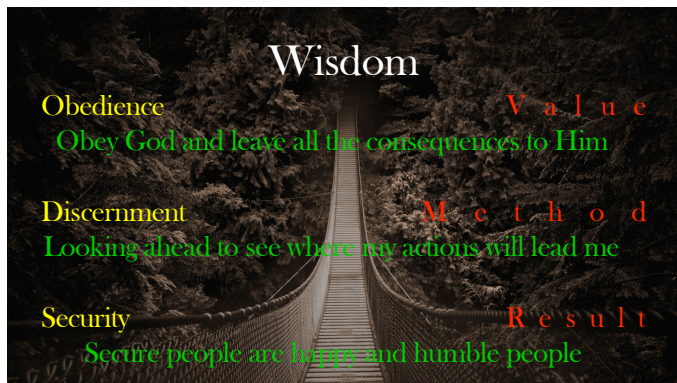


A Man to Man Warning Proverbs 5 Louie

Louie began his message with a video: The Demise of Guys, by Philip Zimbardo
Link for viewing: http://www.outofur.com/archives/2011/11/the_demise_of_g.html
To read a transcript, see attached article at the end of this summary.

Proverbs 5 talks to us about the wisdom of faithfulness in marriage. Fidelity is a virtue. It comes from the essence of who God is: three persons, united as one. The persons of the Trinity are completely faithful to each other within their unity. And marriage is a picture of that. We are made in God's image – male and female – and in marriage the two persons become unified as one through a life-long commitment.



Proverbs 5:1-2 - My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight, that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.

Solomon's teaching places the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of his son. He is saying, "Listen, live it, and give it to the next generation."

Proverbs 5:3-6 - For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not.

Sex outside of marriage violates the oneness and unity of the Trinity and the oneness and unity of marriage.

Proverbs 5:7-10 - Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say. Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house, lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house.

Sexual immorality is the fool's pathway. In the end, it will sap a man's strength and wealth.

Proverbs 5:11-14 - At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors. I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly."

The father wants his son to look ahead to see where his actions will lead him. It's interesting to note that the son never talks in Proverbs. His role is to listen and learn. If he hates discipline and refuses to listen, he will lose it all.

Is there an antidote for sexual temptation? Yes! The following verses give that antidote:

Proverbs 5:15-18 - Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares? Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers. May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.

"Drinking" is a metaphor for faithful sexual expression with one's mate. Your wife is the best gift! Let her be your ongoing source of delight and refreshment – not only her body but her soul.

The contrast between the adulteress's honey that goes bitter (3-4) and the wife's running water that stays sweet (15-16) is the point of the whole chapter.

Proverbs 5:19 - A loving doe, a graceful deer — may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love.

Proverbs 5:20-23 - Why be captivated, my son, by an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another man's wife? For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all his paths. The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast.

God knows the male sex drive is powerful, and He knows how we are made. Sexual temptation will be a constant in our lives, but it never takes away our responsibility to be faithful.

Judges 16:16 - With such nagging, Delilah prodded Samson *day after day* until he was tired to death.

Genesis 39:10 - And though Potiphar's wife spoke to Joseph *day after day*, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

Samson gave in and lost it all. Joseph resisted and was unfairly punished. But he was still secure in God and faithful in the place God put him. And God blessed him for his integrity.

If you take what does not belong to you, you wind up losing what does. Fidelity is the expression of wisdom when it comes to marriage. Adultery is the expression of foolishness. Sexual ecstasy is found in the context of marriage between one man and one woman.

The discipline of saying "no" to inappropriate desire, then, should find its counterpart in saying "yes" to building a strong marriage.

God gives us boundaries for a reason. His wisdom brings happiness.

In presenting the joys of exclusive, committed love, the sages of Proverbs appeal to the human experiences of love, asking us to see them as windows for understanding God's exclusive, even jealous love for us. God's exclusive love – "you and no other" – is the foundation of God's covenant with Israel. Paul Koptak

Two Points from Proverbs 5

1. Avoid promiscuous women
2. Practice fidelity with joy

It's crucial for us to realize that there will never be any mitigating factors that make sexual immorality acceptable behavior. No matter how difficult our marriage relationship or how unresponsive our spouse is, we are called to faithfulness in marriage.

Nothing in life so clouds our judgment and makes stupid fools out of the wisest of us as succumbing to illicit passion. - David Hubbard

In the book, *Finding the Love of Your Life*, Neil Clark Warren talks about 7 deadly errors we can make in that pursuit, and tells us how to avoid them:

How to Overcome the Seven Deadly Errors

1. Take it slow
2. Grow up first
3. Make sure you are not in love with 'being in love'
4. Taking this step cannot be based on pleasing others (parents, girlfriend or boyfriend)
5. Really know each other
6. Who would want a marriage like that (compare the different marriage types of both homes where you were raised and make your marriage your own)
7. Know your broken places

In the book, *Making Life Work*, Bill Hybels talks about 5 factors that will help you to marry well:

Five Compatibility Factors

1. The God factor
2. The chameleon factor
3. The emotional health factor
4. The talk factor
5. The magic factor

Below is transcript of the video Louie showed to start his message today:

Philip Zimbardo: The Demise of Guys?

Boys' brains are being rewired by video games and online porn. by Eric Reed
http://www.outofur.com/archives/2011/11/the_demise_of_g.html

So today, I want us to reflect on the demise of guys. Guys are flaming out academically; they're wiping out socially with girls and sexually with women. Other than that, there's not much of a problem. So what's the data? So the data on dropping out is amazing. Boys are 30 percent more likely than girls to drop out of school. In Canada, five boys drop out for every three girls. Girls outperform boys now at every level, from elementary school to graduate school. There's a 10 percent differential between getting BA's and all graduate programs, with guys falling behind girls. Two-thirds of all students in special ed. remedial programs are guys. And as you all know,

boys are five times more likely than girls to be labeled as having attention deficit disorder -- and therefore we drug them with Ritalin.

What's the evidence of wiping out? First, it's a new fear of intimacy. Intimacy means physical, emotional connection with somebody else -- and especially with somebody of the opposite sex who gives off ambiguous, contradictory, phosphorescent signals. (Laughter) And every year there's research done on self-reported shyness among college students. And we're seeing a steady increase among males. And this is two kinds. It's a social awkwardness. The old shyness was a fear of rejection. It's a social awkwardness like you're a stranger in a foreign land. They don't know what to say, they don't know what to do, especially one-on-one [with the] opposite sex. They don't know the language of face contact, the non-verbal and verbal set of rules that enable you to comfortably talk to somebody else, listen to somebody else.

There's something I'm developing here called social intensity syndrome, which tries to account for why guys really prefer male bonding over female mating. It turns out, from earliest childhood, boys, and then men, prefer the company of guys -- physical company. And there's actually a cortical arousal we're looking at, because guys have been with guys in teams, in clubs, in gangs, in fraternities, especially in the military, and then in pubs. And this peaks at Super Bowl Sunday when guys would rather be in a bar with strangers, watching a totally overdressed Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers, rather than Jennifer Lopez totally naked in the bedroom. The problem is they now prefer [the] a synchronistic Internet world to the spontaneous interaction in social relationships.

What are the causes? Well, it's an unintended consequence. I think it's excessive Internet use in general, excessive video gaming, excessive new access to pornography. The problem is these are arousal addictions. Drug addiction, you simply want more. Arousal addiction, you want different. Drugs, you want more of the same -- different. So you need the novelty in order for the arousal to be sustained.

And the problem is the industry is supplying it. Jane McGonigal told us last year that by the time a boy is 21, he's played 10,000 hours of video games, most of that in isolation. As you remember, Cindy Gallop said men don't know the difference between making love and doing porn. The average boy now watches 50 porn video clips a week. And there's some guy watching a hundred, obviously. And the porn industry is the fastest growing industry in America -- 15 billion annually. For every 400 movies made in Hollywood, there are 11,000 now made porn videos.

So the effect, very quickly, is it's a new kind of arousal. Boys' brains are being digitally rewired in a totally new way for change, novelty, excitement and constant arousal. That means they're totally out of sync in traditional classes, which are analog, static, interactively passive. They're also totally out of sync in romantic relationships, which build gradually and subtly.

So what's the solution? It's not my job. I'm here to alarm. It's your job to solve.

But who should care? The only people who should care about this is parents of boys and girls, educators, gamers, filmmakers and women who would like a real man who they can talk to, who can dance, who can make love slowly and contribute to the evolutionary pressures to keep our species above banana slugs. No offense to banana slug owners. Thank you.

Philip Zimbardo knows what evil looks like. After serving as an expert witness during the Abu Ghraib trials, he wrote *The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil*. From Nazi comic books to the tactics of used-car salesmen, he explores a wealth of sources in trying to explain the psychology of evil.

A past president of the American Psychological Association and a professor emeritus at Stanford, Zimbardo retired in 2008 from lecturing, after 50 years of teaching his legendary introductory course in psychology. In addition to his work on evil and heroism, Zimbardo recently published *The Time Paradox*, exploring different cultural and personal perspectives on time. Still well-known for his controversial Stanford Prison Experiment, Zimbardo in his new research looks at [the psychology of heroism](#). He asks, "What pushes some people to become perpetrators of evil, while others act heroically on behalf of those in need?"