

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

### Title:

Contentment Enables  
Delight

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### Scriptures:

Proverbs 5:1-23

**Theme:** God has given us everything we need to delight in faithfulness.

**Introduction:** We see evidence of God's goodness all around us in ways that the world may consider to be mundane. When we are faithful in marriage, in work, and in church, we are delighting in the grace of God. Proverbs 5 shows us a picture of the opposite: an adulterous woman who pursues evil. How should we respond?

Here are 4 aspects of delighting in faithfulness:

#### 1. The Ignorance of the Adulterous (1-6)

The father seeks to impress the son with the danger of the forbidden woman. She has a powerful allure that is bent on wickedness.

Contrary to our culture, Scripture does not present women as a whole as victims of oppression. They have agency and responsibility before God.

The forbidden woman offers many enticements; but her path leads to death. She demonstrates how a woman's power may be used for good or for evil.

#### 2. The Urgency of Avoiding Her (7-14)

The father explains the urgency to his son: to follow her leads to destruction and regret. Life will not go well for those who give in.

The cure is Jesus Christ. When we trust him, we can turn away from the foolish lures of sin and walk righteously.

We must embrace discipline and correction, training and practice. We need to embrace the Lord's wisdom at the heart level so we can fight successfully.

#### 3. The Importance of Embracing Contentment (15-19)

The Lord has given the marriage relationship for us to enjoy and find contentment. A husband and wife should pursue delight in one another.

Ordinarily, young people should pursue marriage as part of Christian discipleship.

If someone desires marriage but is still single, they need to continue to pursue wisdom and pursue Christ.

#### 4. The Devastation of Avoidable Loss (20-23)

The chapter ends on a sad note: the wicked man pursues the forbidden woman, and he dies in sin and folly.

The father calls his son to avoid this hellish path and to stay true to the Lord

### Questions:

1. Fathers, have you discussed the forbidden woman with your son(s)?
2. What folly do you see in the world's values and approaches to these topics?
3. Do you delight in God's design for the sexes and for marriage?
4. Are you taking responsibility for your sins?