



## TREASURE HUNTERS SERIES

### Treasure Purity – Proverbs 5:18

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If we're going to get real about walking in wisdom, we have to get real about fleeing from \_\_\_\_\_.

If we're going to get real about fleeing from folly, we have to get real about \_\_\_\_\_.

The same principles for overcoming sexual temptation can be applied to overcome \_\_\_\_\_ temptation.

- The temptation is \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-3)
  
- Temptation's goal is \_\_\_\_\_ (5:4-6)
  
- Sin is \_\_\_\_\_ (5:8-14)
  
- Purity is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to God (5:15-23)
  - Flee temptation (like Jesus, Joseph, and Job)
  - Enjoy sexual intimacy in marriage
  - Enjoy knowing and serving Jesus
  
- As the “\_\_\_\_\_,” we will enjoy ultimate fulfillment in the coming Kingdom of God

#### For Further Action and Reflection:

- Memorize Proverbs 5:18 and read a chapter of Proverbs each day
- Read Proverbs 5-7, Song of Songs 4-5, 1 Corinthians 7, Matthew 4:1-11, James 1:13-15
- Read *Finally Free* by Heath Lambert or *Sexual Detox* by Tim Challies
- Watch “Discovering God’s Freedom from Pornography” free series from Focus on the Family
- Read *Intended for Pleasure* by Ed & Gaye Wheat
- Listen to Tony Evans talk about overcoming temptation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WNsK7Nd0Ts>

#### Questions for Reflection:

1. Share something that has stood out to you in your own reading of Proverbs this past week.
2. What stood out to you most from the message?
3. In your opinion, what makes “temptation” so tempting sometimes, especially when we often know better than to give in to temptation?
4. Read James 1:13-15. According to this text, what is the cause of temptation? If that is the cause, then what’s the cure?
5. We have seen that sin leads to death and that “sin takes you further than you want to go, keeps you longer than you want to stay, and costs you more than you want to pay.” How have you seen this true in your own life and choices?
6. How have you seen that purity is preferable and/or pleasurable, as Proverbs 5 teaches?
7. If you are married, what are some ways you “stay captivated” by your spouse? Or how do you nurture love and affection for your spouse?
8. If you are single, what are some of the honest challenges of pursuing purity and how can you encourage one another about this?
9. Having reflected on this message on purity, is there any sin you need to confess to God and others? (James 5:16, 1 John 1:8-9)
10. How would you answer a teenager who asks you what the Bible teaches about sex?