

FOOLPROOF

Don't Flirt. Flee!

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Ephesians 5:15-17 "Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."

Three Reasons You Should FLEE, not Flirt!

1. Don't Flirt. Flee! Because ONE thing leads to ANOTHER.

- **We all tend to look for loopholes when it comes to relationships.**

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 "All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor."

Bad moral decisions are generally preceded by a series of unwise decisions.

- **We all tend to be self-deceived when it comes to relationships.**

Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death."

- **We all tend to push the limits when it comes to relationships.**

2 Timothy 2:22 "Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace."

Romans 13:14 "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."

2. Don't Flirt. Flee! Because the STAKES are HIGHER than you think.

Ephesians 5:3, 5-6: "Let there be no sexual immorality (or) impurity among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. For of this you can be sure: No immoral (or) impure person has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient."

1 Corinthians 6:13 "The body is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body."

We all underestimate the power of sexual sin.

1 Corinthians 6:18 "Flee from sexual immorality."

1 Corinthians 10:12 "So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!"

We all underestimate the consequences of sexual sin.

1 Corinthians 6:18 "All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body."

1 Peter 2:11 "Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul."

We all underestimate our obligation to God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

"How do I honor God with my body?"

3. Don't Flirt. Flee! Because it's the WISE thing to do.

In light of my past experience, my current circumstances, and my future hopes and dreams, what's the wise thing to do?

Past experiences: Proverbs 26:11 "As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness."

The past is a better indicator than a PROMISE.

Your PAST will show up in your FUTURE.

Present circumstances: Proverbs 14:8 "The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways but the folly of fools is deception."

My present PATH determines my future destination.

Future hopes and dreams: Proverbs 27:12: "The wise see danger ahead and avoid it, but fools keep going and get into trouble."

Personal VISION is a catalyst for wise decisions.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 14:8 "The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways but the folly of fools is deception."

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