



Seduction and Stupidity

Proverbs 7



Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:2-2:17

I

Have no other gods

II

Do not make an idol
or any likeness

III

Do not take the name of
the Lord God in vain

IV

Remember the Sabbath

V

Honor your father
and mother

VI

You shall not murder

VII

You shall not
commit adultery

VIII

You shall not steal

IX

You shall not bear
false witness

X

You shall not covet
anything that belongs
to your neighbor

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You are
here

Chapter		Bruce Waltke New International Commentary on the OT	MacArthur Study Bible		NIV Study Bible			
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Leviticus 20:10 ¹⁰*If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, **the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.***

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 4. Consider them to be precious - highly prized and highly protected (v2c)
 5. Diligently remember them so they govern your life (v3)
 6. Cherish them (v4)
 - Such attitudes will keep you from sin and harm (v5)



Have these attitudes yourself, promote them with children, and build up and protect them for your spouse

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Be smart about where and when temptation and sin occur – then don't go near it

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1 Timothy 2:9⁹Likewise, *I want* women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments,

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1 Peter 3:1–4 ¹...so that...they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, ²as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. ³Your adornment must not be *merely* external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; ⁴but *let it be the hidden person of the heart*, with the imperishable quality of a *gentle and quiet spirit*, which is *precious in the sight of God*.

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Genesis 3:4⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!

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Recognize and resist the bait and appeal to your vulnerabilities from ungodly people

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- The concluding admonitions (vv24-27)
 - Listen and pay attention to me, not to the persuasions of immoral people (v24)
 - Don't fall for seductive enticements – don't even go near them (v25)
 - Many have fallen – don't be among them (vv26-27)



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Philippians 3:13–14 ¹³Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Titus 2:3–5 ³Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, ⁴so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵*to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

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