## Series: Wisdom from my Heavenly Father

## **<u>Title</u>: Discretion & Safeguards**

An ad- monition for Solomon's son. The fourth time in 7 chapters that this warning has been raised.

Ch 7 concludes the first section of the book written to Solomon's son.

## Paragraph 1: (Vs 1-5)

(Vs 1) God once again admonishes His sons to observe His words.(Proverbs 2:1, 4:4, and 4:20)(Psalm 119:11) in hiding God's Word in our hearts.

(Vs 2) Not teaching a works salvation. (Prov 14:12) But a warning of a dead life to those who violate it.

(Vs 3) Like wearing a Ring Inscribing the principles of God's Word upon our very heart.

(Vs 4-5) Here comes the practical day to day application. You have got to know how to think for yourself.

**<u>Paragraph 2</u>: (Vs 6-23)** He seemed like he thought he knew what he was doing.

(Vs 10) How a person dresses tells a lot about them. Why?

(1 Sam 16:7) The outside is all that people can see.

(Vs 11) loud is of an active mouth.Opposite of having a quiet spirit.She is W/O DiscretionDiscretion~To Act Appropriately,

(Vs 12-14) Her proposition in religious terms.

(Vs 15-8) Lust is getting. Love is giving.

(Vs 19-20) Fornication is one thing. Adultery is another.

(Vs 21) He is W/O Discernment, W/O Safe Guards:

<u>Safe Guards:</u> Daily Devotions, Spiritual Mile Stone, Scripture Memory

(Vs 22) This foolish young man, now guilty of adultery.

<u>He Can't Discern the consequences.</u> We Lose control of the outcome when we choose to sin.

(Vs 23) Like a hunted animal

Paragraph 3: (Vs 24-17) (Vs 24-25) Avoid adultery at all costs.

(Vs 26-27) Adultery has destroyed many a person.

(Prov 13:15) The Way of a Transgressor is hard.

(James 4:17) To him that knoweth to good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

## **Discernment and Safe Guards**

We are Called to Separation: (2 Cor 6:14-18)

Every sin has its origin in our heart: (Prov 4:23)

Decide now, God is always Right! You cannot "Trust" your heart: (Jer 17:9) It is sin even if all you do is think about it! (Ezek 8:12) Murder by just being angry: (Matt 5:21-22) Adultery by just looking: (Matt 5: 28)

Determine to learn what "Right" is & Do It: (2 Pet 1:5)

**Determine to change your heart** - (Matt 15:11, 17-20)

**Detour to put the good in and the bad out**: - Rom 13:14

It is easier to keep the heart clean than it is to clean it up after it has been defiled.

**Decide you are not immune!** - (Proverbs 6:27-28) **Determine** - You have to Guard your heart: (Prov 4:23)

You cannot fight a fleshly appetite by indulging in it. (Heb 11:25) (Ecc 5:10)

Appetites are developed desires of the Flesh: Prov 30:15-16

Decide its no one else's fault: (Jer 31:29-30)

**Determine God is Right about this:** (Heb 12:9) (James 1:14-15)

We need to do something about it: (Prov 23:2) You can't fight this alone - (Matt 19:26) You can't use fleshly methods - (Ecc 5:10) This is a Spiritual Battle! (Eph 6:12)(Gal 5:17)(James 4:5) (Heb 11:25)

Our Weapon is the Word of God! (Rom 8:5-9; 6:11-16) Decide the Victory is worth it! (Luke 14:25-35)

Make a Change in our Appetites-Starvation is the only option! (1 Cor 9: 25-27)(Pro25:15-16)

**Dependence to the power of the Holy Spirit:** (Zech 4:6) (Eph 5: 18)(Gal 5:16, 25)

<u>You cannot eradicated an</u> appetite by pacifying it. (IS 29:8)

**Spiritual Hunger is the oposite of Physical Hunger Replace your old appetites with new ones:** (Rom 6:12-13) **Live the Foundational 5 – What will this do for you?** 

**Replace an undisciplined life with one of structure. Replace you old influences with new ones:** <u>Friends</u>: Multiple Weekly Fellowship opportunities:

<u>Music</u>: (Eph 5:19-20) <u>Accountability</u>: (Eph 5:21)(2 Pet 3:18)(2 Pet 1:5-7)