



*Leadership Fallacy = past success leads to future disaster*



*Don't lean on your understanding*

1. Principles

2. Passage

3. Practical

1. These chapters are addressed to a “Young man”

2. Proverbs are not laws but these do speak to universal truths



### 3. There are strong warnings and strong blessings

*God is against some “stuff”  
-because-  
He is for “better stuff”*

4. God is no prude and the Bible is a grown-up book

5. This topic is super important...we really need to lean on God's understanding of it

6. Notice that the “mind/heart” is the primary “sex organ”

7. In the New Testament, marriage is not for everyone, but marriage is precious and to be protected at all costs

## 8. Marriage is ultimately a picture of the relationship between Christ and His Church

“For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each of you must also love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband”.

Ephesians 5:31-33

## 9. Marriage as we now experience it is a temporary construct

Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage.”

Luke 20:34-35

Proverbs 5, <sup>1</sup> My son, be attentive to my wisdom;  
incline your ear to my understanding,  
<sup>2</sup> that you may keep discretion,  
and your lips may guard knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup> For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey,  
and her speech is smoother than oil,  
<sup>4</sup> but in the end she is bitter as wormwood,  
sharp as a two-edged sword.  
<sup>5</sup> Her feet go down to death;  
her steps follow the path to Sheol;  
<sup>6</sup> she does not ponder the path of life;  
her ways wander, and she does not know it.



<sup>7</sup> And now, O sons, listen to me,  
and do not depart from the words of my mouth.

<sup>8</sup> Keep your way far from her,  
and do not go near the door of her house,

<sup>9</sup> lest you give your honor to others  
and your years to the merciless,

<sup>10</sup> lest strangers take their fill of your strength,  
and your labors go to the house of a foreigner,

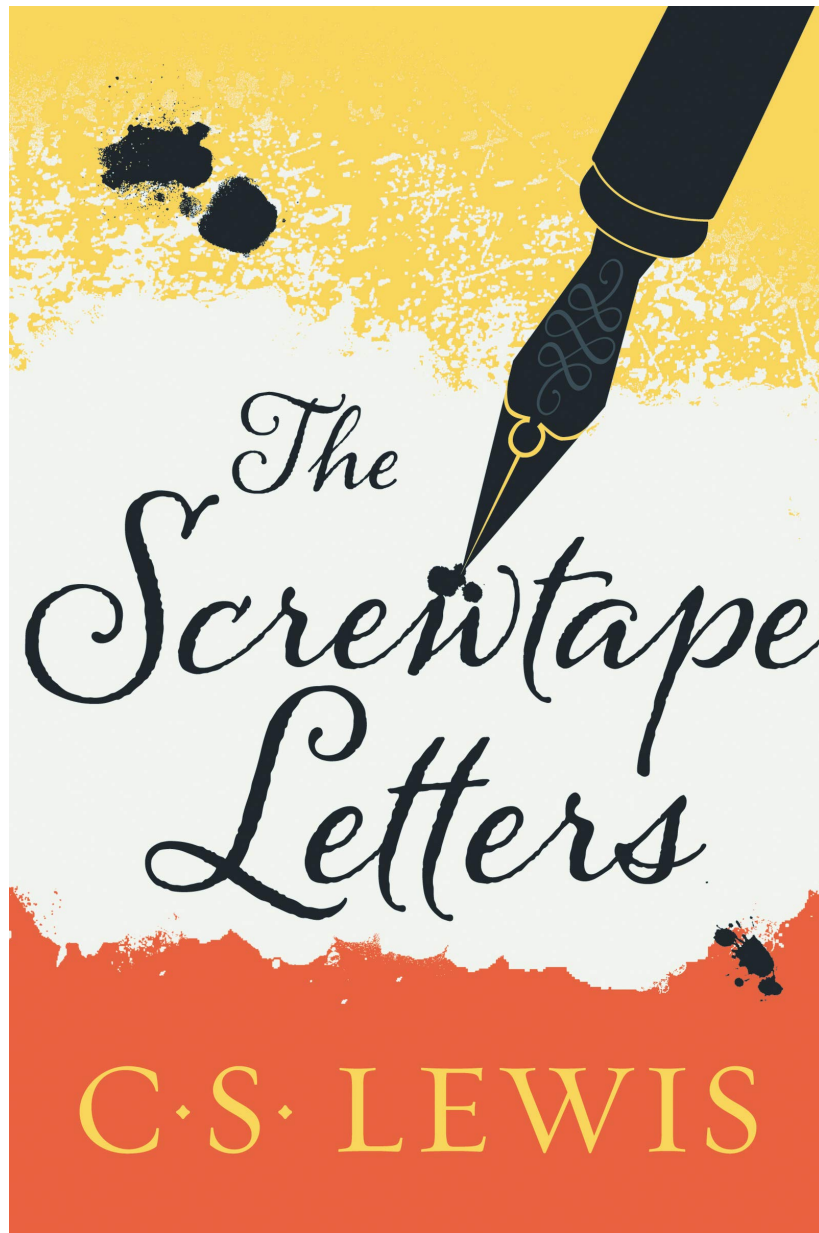
<sup>11</sup> and at the end of your life you groan,  
when your flesh and body are consumed,

<sup>12</sup> and you say, "How I hated discipline,  
and my heart despised reproof!

<sup>13</sup> I did not listen to the voice of my teachers  
or incline my ear to my instructors.

<sup>14</sup> I am at the brink of utter ruin  
in the assembled congregation."

- <sup>15</sup> Drink water from your own cistern,  
flowing water from your own well.
- <sup>16</sup> Should your springs be scattered abroad,  
streams of water in the streets?
- <sup>17</sup> Let them be for yourself alone,  
and not for strangers with you.
- <sup>18</sup> Let your fountain be blessed,  
and rejoice in the wife of your youth,
- <sup>19</sup> a lovely deer, a graceful doe.  
Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;  
be intoxicated always in her love.
- <sup>20</sup> Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman  
and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?
- <sup>21</sup> For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord,  
and he ponders all his paths.
- <sup>22</sup> The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him,  
and he is held fast in the cords of his sin.
- <sup>23</sup> He dies for lack of discipline,  
and because of his great folly he is led astray.



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Letters

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# The horror of the... Same Old Thing





*Wisdom as the pursuit of contentment and  
amazement at the novelty and familiarity of what  
God provides*

“Our cause is never more in danger than when a human, no longer desiring, but still intending, to do our Enemy’s will, looks round upon a universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys.”

“Never forget that when are dealing with pleasure in any of its healthy and normal and satisfying forms, we are in a sense on the Enemy’s ground. We have won many a soul through pleasure. All the same, it is His invention, not ours. He made all the pleasures: all our research so far has enabled us to do is to encourage humans to take the pleasures which our Enemy has produced, at times, or in ways, or in degrees, which He has forbidden.”

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“Be joyful always; Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thess. 5:18