

# The Crafty Harlot

by Chuck Smith

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*Chuck Smith's sermon highlights the importance of God's commandments in guiding individuals away from temptation and towards a life of wisdom and fulfillment.*

**Duration:** 25:04

**Scripture:** Psalm 37:5, Proverbs 7:1-8, Matthew 6:33, Romans 12:1, Colossians 2:3

**Topics:** "Harlot"

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## Description

In this sermon, Pastor Chuck Smith addresses the issue of sexual immorality and the dangers it poses to young men. He begins by warning against the crafty harlot, a seductive woman who lures men into sin. Solomon's Proverbs serve as a guide to avoid falling into her trap. Pastor Chuck emphasizes the importance of upholding God's design for marriage and the family, as the breakdown of these institutions leads to social disorder. He urges listeners to commit their ways to the Lord and seek His guidance in all aspects of life.

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## Transcript

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you With His Spirit and His love Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh, let Him have the things that mold you And His Spirit like a dove Will descend upon your life And make you whole  
These first early Proverbs Solomon has been addressing to my son or to my children and it's really not necessarily literally his sons but just to young men imparting wisdom that he has gained through the years and so the encouragement, my son, keep my words lay up my commandments with thee and keep my commandments and live and my law as the apple of thine eye bind them upon thy fingers write them on the table of your heart say to wisdom, you are my sister and call understanding your kinswoman and so the encouragement of Solomon to keep the commandments for their life

bind them upon thy fingers write them on the table of your heart as we have said, the commandments of God are for our good God does not forbid you from one single thing that is good for you you remember the Lord said to Adam of all of the trees in the garden you may freely eat lots of liberty, one restraint and the restraint was the tree that would destroy now from all of the trees that are beneficial, healthy, good for you partake there's one tree that destroys one tree that will bring death one tree that will perhaps introduce into the body those bacteria that will ultimately cause the breakdown of the cell structure, the aging process the only thing that God forbid was those things that would be harmful and detrimental now the same is true today God gives to us a wide wide path as far

as Christian liberty is concerned God only forbids those things that are harmful and destructive to you the commandments are to life to follow the commandment is to live God doesn't want you doing the things that would destroy you God does want you to do those things that are good the same is true for a society when the laws pertain to the social order those things that will develop and lift a society God said do these, those that destroy a society God said don't do these, with the family the laws that God has given concerning the family the things that God said you're to do will enhance and build up the family make for wonderful family relationships the things that God said don't do these things they're the things that tear families apart they're the things that destroy all the way along

the law of the Lord is perfect the law of the Lord is good for God is interested in your best welfare now there are times when we foolishly think that we are smarter than God and we think that the thing that God has forbidden is something that is very desirable and will tend towards a good life on our part and we foolishly think that we can outsmart God in a way I know that God said I shouldn't, but you know ours is a special case and surely God smiles upon us and this violation of His law no, never and I've heard it over and over and over and over again but I've seen the consequences of it and they're always sad they're always tragic and so write the commandments on your heart just make it a part of your life to obey, to keep the commandments of God say to wisdom, you're my sister call

understanding your kinswoman that they may keep thee from the strange woman and from the stranger that flatters with her words throughout the history of man there have been women who were willing to sell their bodies knowing the nature of man the power of the sex drive, the lust that he has there have been women who have been willing to take advantage of that and sell their bodies and there are those who just aren't satisfied within their home on the prowl and that goes for men and women and so Solomon is going to talk about a case that he saw now God forbids adultery, God forbids fornication the Bible said that God made male and female and for this cause a man shall leave his mother and father and cleave to his wife and they too become one flesh therefore what God has joined together let

no man put asunder God has established marriage as the wholesome healthy environment in which children can be raised in which the social order can be maintained and when this breaks down it breaks down the whole social order and we can see today how the breakdown of the marriage, the home, the family and is bringing chaos so many single parents, single mothers who have to go to work leaving the latchkey kids and all of the social disorder that has come because we have forsaken the law of the Lord so he said I was looking out of the window of my house and I beheld among the simple ones I discerned among the youth a young man who was void of understanding and passing through the street near her corner this gal is working a particular corner he went the way to her house in the twilight, in

the evening, in the black and dark night and behold there met him a woman who was dressed like a harlot and subtle of heart oh she's loud and she's stubborn her feet do not abide in her house now she's without, now in the streets and she lies in wait at every corner so she caught him and she kissed him and with an impotent face she said to him I have peace offerings with me this day I have paid my vows therefore I came forth to meet you diligently to seek thy face and I have found you flattery, oh, you know waiting all my life for you, you know you're surely the one I've found thee, and I've decked my bed with coverings of tapestry with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt I've perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon come, let us take our fill of love until morning let us

soulless or drown ourselves with love an interesting thing, how that we are unable so often to discern the difference between love and lust and so often the sex act is referred to as making love it's not making love

at all there doesn't have to be any love involved in fact they have in testing the prostitutes found that most of them actually hate men they've been abused or whatever and they have a real hatred for men and it's their way of sort of taking advantage of men and yet they call it love it's not love, it's lust and yet, and a lot of you gals who succumb to the wiles of that man because he says he loves you so much and you're so needing of love that you submit, you find out how much love there is when you discover that you're pregnant and suddenly he wants nothing to do with you

he's gone, it wasn't love if it's true love they'll wait for love is patient, they won't press that fellow who is constantly pushing for sex is not thinking about you, he's thinking about himself his love is not for you, it's for himself and you're foolish to give in she said for the good man of the house is not at home he's gone on a long journey, he's taken bag of money with him he will be home on an appointed day, he's not going to be home for a month and so he's been enticed, he's been seduced he goeth after her straightway as an ox goes to the slaughter or as a fool to the correction of the stocks till a dart strike through his liver as a bird that haste to the snare he knows not that it is for his life the disobedience to the command of God cost you, cost you dearly hearken unto me

now therefore ye children, attend to the words of my mouth let not your heart decline to her ways go not astray in her paths for she has cast down many wounded yea, many strong men have been slain by her her house is the way to hell going down to the chambers of death again the tragedy that has been brought to so many lives, so many homes so many ministries we within the church, we as Christians are not immune from these things we're still living in these bodies, we still have our own physical drives and temptations and many, many a pastor has fallen as the result of sexual problems with their secretaries or with a counselee the thing about Christianity is that it is based upon love God's love our loving God and our loving each other and our emotions are peculiar things because many times

when we begin to show Christian love to another person they misinterpret the practice of pastor's counseling I think has increased the problem it is a well known fact that so many times women fall in love with their counselors and that's understandable their husbands aren't paying attention to them they feel neglected they're at home they have the kids and when the husband gets home he just plops down in front of the TV he won't really converse just answers questions with a yes or no, short replies and she gets to the place where she's frustrated, she's not happy she's not receiving the satisfaction from adult relationship with her husband she goes to a counselor and she pours out her problems and he takes time to talk with her he's understanding he prays with her and she thinks, oh my

this is so wonderful, I wish my husband would pray with me I wish my husband would talk to me, I wish my husband understood me pretty soon she thinks, I'm not in love with my husband this is the man I really am in love with, he he takes time for me, he talks with me, he's so understanding and he prays with me and the chemistry gets started and how many have fallen, how many have fallen she's cast down many a man strong men have been slain by her Paul writing to Timothy said, flee youthful lust I think probably the best example we have is Joseph far from home in Egypt sold by his brothers, betrayed and sold as a slave working there in Potiphar's house, Potiphar was one of those workaholics, always away his wife, lonely there's this handsome young Hebrew boy working in the house she seeks

to seduce him but Joseph steadfastly refused her seductious ways finally one day all of the servants are out, Joseph is there by himself and again she comes along and says, go to bed with me and he said, oh no she had hold of his coat, wouldn't let go, he just slipped out of it and ran and I think sometimes that's the best thing you can do, run Paul said to Timothy, flee youthful lust so the warning in Proverbs and this

is not the last but I think it's the next to last of the warnings that Solomon gives concerning illicit kind of sexual relationships now as we get into chapter 8 he begins to speak about wisdom and he personifies wisdom so that as he talks about wisdom we actually see a personification of Jesus Christ for in Christ the Bible says are hid all the treasures of wisdom and

knowledge so when you talk about wisdom you're talking about the Lord in him are hid the treasures of wisdom and knowledge so does not wisdom cry and understanding put forth her voice she stands in the top of high places by the way of the places of paths and she cries at the gates at the entry of the city at the coming in at the doors unto you all men I call and my voice is to the sons of men so wisdom calls to us along the paths at the gates oh ye simple understand wisdom and ye fools be ye of an understanding heart here for I will speak of excellent things in the opening of my lips shall be right things for my mouth shall speak truth and wickedness is an abomination to my lips so wisdom is crying to be heard listen to me I am always amazed at what foolish things smart men can do because

they don't have wisdom I'm amazed what intelligent smart people do several years ago when Calvary Chapel was quite young I was invited to a meeting of a group of doctors lawyers professors who represented really the intelligentsia of Orange County these people got together once a week just to talk just to intellectually try to challenge each other and in a quest for truth or understanding or whatever I don't know and so one of the group had accepted the Lord at our church and invited me to come and speak so when I arrived they were seeking to impress each other with their intelligence and finally one fellow sitting in a lotus position on the floor said I might as well tell you that we're searchers and we've been searching through all of the religions I'm a Buddhist priest and we've

studied Buddhism we've all taken LSD and we're searchers for truth and here they were doctors lawyers college professors all of them having taken LSD and I thought my oh my smart people do dumb things and I'm amazed at what foolish things smart people do it's because they don't have wisdom wisdom calls understand wisdom you can be smart and be a fool my mouth shall speak truth all of the words of my mouth are in righteousness there's nothing forward or perverse in them and they are all plain to him that understands and right to them that find knowledge receive my instruction and not silver knowledge rather than choice gold for wisdom is better than rubies and all things that may be desired are not to be compared to it wisdom is the most important thing you can get better than riches we'll

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