

SCCC – COSTLY CONSEQUENCES

S - Scriptures

“But a man who commits adultery has no sense; whoever does so destroys himself.” Proverbs 6: 32

C – Consideration

Solomon spent many chapters in the book of Proverbs warning and denouncing adultery. He made rhetorical questions, “Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?” Obviously, the answers were: No! Therefore, he concluded, “So is he who sleeps with another man’s wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.” He made another point to make clear that sexual betrayal will bring high cost, “People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his hunger when he is starving.” Of course, a judge who hears a starving thief who stole a bread to avoid his own death might have mercy on him, but Solomon, being a judge himself, quote his sentence according to the law “Yet if he is caught, he must pay sevenfold, though it costs him all the wealth of his house.” In other words, even to steal to placate a physical need, the sentence is very costly: pay seven times a loaf of bread that he had stolen. Then, what to say about adultery? “But a man who commits adultery has no sense; whoever does so destroys himself. Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away.”

C - Commitment

Solomon had seen in his own family the terrible consequences of sexual betrayal. His parents were former adulterers. He saw four brothers lose their lives, a sister being raped; his father’s suffering because of the lack of power to correct his children due to his past sinful acts. God forgave David and Bathsheba; however, the consequences of their adultery were very costly. I have seen anointed believers fall into adultery and ended up experiencing the high price of their sin. Solomon’s counsel is to avoid looking in the wrong direction, “Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes.” And, to love and enjoy the spouse God had given us, “Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.”

C – Call

Lord, You have given Your word for us to obey it, and doing it we will experience the blessings that holiness provides. However, when we disobey, we will reap the consequences. My God, thank You for my wife You had appointed to be with me. I know that You are merciful to forgive anyone who sincerely repents as David did, nevertheless, help me to keep my heart away from sexual immorality. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen!