

When the Cost is Too High, It's No Longer Worth Having

Today's Scripture: **Prov 6:20-35**

1. **Guard God's Word and God's Word Will Guard You**

(Prov 6:20-25)

The word “**keep**” in **verse 20** literally means “secret places” in the original. It has the idea of hiding something in a secret safe place—of guarding something precious that you don't want to lose. It is repeatedly translated as “keep”, “preserve”, and “guard” in the ESV.

It is the word we encountered earlier in Prov 4:

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.
Proverbs 4:23

***GRAPHIC: Ice Climbing_1, 2, 3, 4** (3 seconds each)

2. **If You Play with Fire You Will Get Burned** (Prov 6:26-35)

***GRAPHIC: Costa Concordia_BEFORE, AFTER, AFTER 2** (3 Seconds each)

Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.” **John 8:10-11**

If a man is found sleeping with another man's wife, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die. You must purge the evil from Israel. **Deuteronomy 22:22**

Like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be recovered, so we must die. But God does not take away life; instead, he devises ways so that a banished person may not remain estranged from him. **2 Samuel 14:14**

Just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to **bear the sins** of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to **save** those who are eagerly waiting for him. **Hebrews 9:27-28**

This is eternal life, that they **know** you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. **John 17:3**