

- Look at what Proverbs 5 says we find in True Love
 - Your fountain will be blessed
 - You will find joy in your spouse
 - You will be satisfied by his/her body
 - You will be captivated by her/his love

True Love is Brings success

A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

Proverbs 31:10-11 NIV

- True Love is the wellspring of true wealth
- Even the richest life is poor if it lacks love
- Two people working toward one goal accomplish more.

True Love demands respect

Her husband is respected at the city gate,

where he takes his seat among the elders of the land...

Her children arise and call her blessed;

her husband also, and he praises her...

Give her the reward she has earned,

and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Proverbs 31:23,28,31 NIV

- It is worthy of respect
- It earns respect by it's actions
- It settles for nothing less than respect

A Warning from the Hebrews

- Ever feel like your little brother gets all the breaks?
 - In Ancient times the benefit of being the oldest was called the birthright
 - It meant you inherited your father's place of honor in the family and tribe
 - It meant that you were entitled to a double portion of your father's inheritance
 - It meant that you took responsibility for caring for your father's family
 - That doesn't mean that the youngest was always content with second place
- Jacob and Esau: brothers in conflict
 - From the beginning these twins were fighting for first place

- Esau seemed to have won
 - He was born first
 - He had the birthright
 - He was Father's favorite
- Jacob didn't give up
 - He was Mother's favorite
 - He had the brains and the initiative
- The tables are turned
 - As usual, Esau was hunting and Jacob was cooking
 - Esau came home hungry and asked for some stew
 - Jacob, seeing he had an advantage offered a trade: my stew for your birthright
 - Esau agreed and in so doing he "profaned his birthright"

Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew.

He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright. (Genesis 25:34, NIV)

- Esau our anti-example
 - **See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears. (Hebrews 12:16-17, NIV)**
 - Sexual immorality is compared to the profanity of Esau
 - Bebelos (profane) is the opposite of haggios (holy)
 - It means freely accessible to anyone and everyone.
 - True love and incredible sex is our birthright
 - Profanity means giving away our pleasure in exchange for immediate gratification

"He could bring about no Change of mind..."

- Once you give away your birthright, you cannot fully get it back because sex changes things
- But doesn't God allow us to start over?
 - It is a myth to assume that once you give in it doesn't matter because now you're not a virgin.
 - God can give us a second chance; Spiritually, forgiveness makes us clean and pure

- o We still have to face the consequences of our actions

Understand the Triggers

Why would anyone be willing to trade their birthright for a bowl of bean soup?

- Short-Sightedness: We despise our birthright
- Stupidity: We expose ourselves to unnecessary temptations
- Naiveté: We don't understand what makes us more susceptible to temptation
 - o When we are hungry
 - o When we are angry
 - o When we are lonely
 - o When we feel fed
- Carnality: We order our lives by our stomach and not our mind
- Impatience: We're not willing to wait
- Insecurity: We wrongly assume we don't deserve the real thing
- Pride: We assume that if we are going to enjoy love we have to find it for ourselves
- Desperation: We're afraid this is our last chance

The Antidote: Trust

- Trust what God says about True Love
- Trust God to supply your deepest needs
- Trust God's guidelines which are placed for your protection and enjoyment
- Trust God's incredible grace

The Problem of Profanity

From the Mouth of Miracle Max

*"True love is the greatest thing in the world...except for a nice MLT."
-Miracle Max, The Princess Bride*

- Miracle Max asks "What have you got here worth living for?" Westley's answer: True Love
- So we have this series called True Love Waits
- The problem is often TLW focuses on the waiting and ignores true love.
- True Love is what gives us the motive for waiting

True Love is our destiny

- God designed us for true love
 - o Because He loves us
 - o Because He wanted us to love
 - o Because he wanted us to know love
 - o Because he wanted us to know His love
- **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. (Ephesians 5:31-32, NIV)
- Without knowing True Love, we are incomplete
The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him. (Genesis 2:18, NIV)
- o There was nothing in all creation suitable to provide Adam the partner he needed until there was another person to love
- o It's no mistake that Adam without Eve is shown as a man less than good
- o The Bible says that when a man and woman are united together they become one flesh, whole and complete
- o Some people are not designed to marry, but no one is designed to not love

True Love is brings joy

May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful deer— may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love. Proverbs 5:18-19, NIV