

Proverbs 6:27 – “Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?”

I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Culture and the gospel of convenience:
 - Live together without a binding commitment.
 - Sexual pleasure without a binding commitment.
 - Moses’s Law of being able to write a divorce certificate was turned into a gospel of convenience.
- b. Culture is always facing this question: What do we do when it is not convenient?
- c. Marriage is not meant to be based on convenience.
- d. Convenient = suitable to ease, or comfortable for use.
- e. Marriage is created by God as a FIRE BOX for the FIRE OF PASSION.

II. FIRE OF PASSION (Proverbs 6:27)

- a. This fire of passion in the wrong context harms a person.
- b. This fire of sexual passion and desire for pleasure is so strong and so powerful that it needs a fire box. A fire box to restrict it. A fire box to protect it. A fire box to contain it in a safe manner.
- c. Paul, an apostle of Jesus, told the Corinthians that because this fire of passion is so strong in most people they should get married. (1 Cor 7:1-2)
- d. It is wise for kids not to play with fire. (Song of Solomon 2:7)

III. FIRE OF TONGUES (James 3:4-6)

- a. How can such a strong fire of passion be quenched in the fire box of marriage?
- b. The fire box is a box to form godly character.
- c. A lack of maturity and a lack of character are reflected in our words and how we talk to each other.
- d. Husbands and their God given role and authority confirm or void a wife’s negative self-talk. (Num 30:13-16)
- e. Out of the eater (your mouth) can come something sweet for your spouse to eat. (Judges 14:12-14)
- f. Single ladies – you have a choice. (Genesis 24:57)
- g. Single men – will she willingly let go of the “clothes and culture” of her past. (Deut 21:11-13)

IV. FIRE OF PURPOSE (Proverbs 24:27)

- a. Marriage needs a purpose bigger than the pain; bigger than convenience.
- b. If you don’t have a purpose bigger than the difficulties of marriage – the gospel of convenience in this culture will devour the marriage.
- c. The fire box matters. It is where the fire of the next generation is determined, directed, and discovered.
- d. A fire box with a husband and wife walking in agreement for the fire of kingdom purpose is strong.
- e. What are singles supposed to do with the fire of passion before marriage?

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Friday, February 24 - Movie Night - 7-9pm - Bring your family out for a night at the movies! We will be starting the movie "UP" at 7:15pm. Bring some blankets and pillows for optimum movie watching!

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