

ATTRACT, ATTRACTED, ATTRACTING, ATTRACTIVE

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Sexual immorality seems **attractive**, but it's extremely deadly.

- **Proverbs 5:3-5:** "For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell."

The immoral women made her bed very **attractive**.

- **Proverbs 7:16:** "I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt."

Wisdom is trying to **attract** people's attention.

- **Proverbs 8:2:** "She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths."
- **Proverbs 9:3:** "She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,"

The path of wickedness seems **attractive** (but in reality it's not).

- **Proverbs 12:26:** "The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them."

Rulers are **attracted** to those who speak gracefully.

- **Proverbs 22:11:** "He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend."

In ancient times harlots sang in order to **attract** clients.

- **Isaiah 23:15:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot."

After 70 years Tyre would try to **attract** the attention of the nations once more.

- **Isaiah 23:15-16:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot. Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered."

In ancient times women tried to make themselves more **attractive** by bathing, painting their eyes (applying makeup), and wearing ornaments.

- **Ezekiel 23:40:** "And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,"

The nations of Israel and Judah tried to make themselves **attractive** to wicked and idolatrous nations. God compares their behavior to a whore who was trying to attract someone's attention.

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The nations of Israel and Judah used the holy things of God to **attract** pagan and idolatrous nations. They used holy things for a wicked and sinful purpose.

- **Ezekiel 23:41:** "And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil."

It seems Herod was **attracted** to the daughter of a woman he was committing adultery with.

- **Matthew 14:6:** "But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod."

There were times when Jesus tried to travel without **attracting** any attention.

- **Mark 9:30:** "And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it."

Jesus visited Jerusalem as an infant and was in the temple, but He **attracted** no widespread attention. Even though He was the Messiah and His birth had been announced by a multitude of angels just eight days earlier, the religious leaders didn't care and had no interest.

- **Luke 2:22:** "And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;"

The brothers of Jesus claimed that He needed to show Himself to the world so that people would know who He was (even though He was already very famous, and **attracted** enormous multitudes).

- **John 7:4:** "For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world."

There are some people who are **attracted** to perverse teachings.

- **Acts 20:30:** "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

Paul wanted the Thessalonian church to focus on faithfulness and pleasing God. He didn't suggest that the church could sacrifice those two goals in order to grow and **attract** new members.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:1:** "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please

God, so ye would abound more and more."

What's **attractive** to God isn't a wife who dresses up in gold, but one who has a meek and quiet spirit.

- **1 Peter 3:3-4:** "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."