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This is not just another of those books that seek to reprimand you, leaving you with no hope. It is that which will move and bless your heart, and not merely inform your mind.

This book is a message from God full of heavenly wisdom and understanding to help you flee immorality, and to give you hope for a new life.

In this book, Joseph answers the following questions:

Who is Delilah the Strange Woman?

How do I recognize her?

How does she operate?

Who are her victims?

How do I avoid her?

How do I live pure in a sexually corrupt environment?

Where is the thin line between Sex that rejoices God and Sexual perversion?

And many more...

You will find Biblical principles to help you overcome the strategies of temptation by strange women around you. Samson was seduced by a Philistine woman named Delilah (a woman of Sorek employed to discover the secret of Samson's strength in Judges 16:4-20). Her influence caused Samson to betray his special calling from God. Samson, the mighty warrior, soon became a slave to his enemies.

Who is the Delilah in your life? This book is a warning: Beware of Seducers!

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Joseph Sayibu says

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Jonathan Esterman says

Sayibu writes on the topic of...well...I believe the title gives a good suggestion. A shorter work, clocked at around one hundred pages, the author seeks to exhort readers to avoid Delilah women in their own lives. As his book suggests, don't go near her doors, don't give away your honor, drink from your own well, and cleanse your ways. If that sounds familiar, it's for good reason: Sayibu is writing from Shlomo's (Solomon) advice in Mishlei (Proverbs). He writes with an older sense of "royal" English to it, using religious terminology such as "bosom" and backwards grammar. He even quotes Scripture in a British spelling.

Prose aside, the purpose of this book is to discuss wisdom (hence, Proverbs) to guide young men away from promiscuity and immorality. Hailing from an Assemblies of God church group, the writing style and theology matches a much more conservative view associated with the Bible Belt of America. There are assumptions that I found offensive in the book, yet may be valid in his experience, such as most young men lusting after women. However, Sayibu does dismiss the slew of books out there on a similar topic, rendering them disappointing, hurtful, and full of shortcomings due to its human component. By that same logic, one could argue a similar sentence for this book.

Overall, I found myself disinterested in this title, in part due to its prose and awkwardness (feeling overly formal and disengaged), but also due to the approach of the content and the method of approach. Traversing each page felt forced and inorganic for me, which lends me to not desire to read it. I appreciate Sayibu's effort, but this feels more like a theological paper for a course than a book I would be interested in reading. It could use revisions in language and engagement, which would dramatically help the author get across his point that he feels quite strong about. Two stars.

Disclosure: I have received a reviewer copy and/or payment in exchange for an honest review of the product mentioned in this post.

Deb says

Delilah, Excuse Me! conveys a strong moral message for today's youth. While written primarily to young men, the information is important for young women as well. At first blush, this book might be perceived as a condemnation of today's youth due to its conservative, counter-to-popular-culture stance. The reality, however, is far from condemning as the overriding message is one of love.

Joseph Sayibu reveals his heart for today's youth as he stresses the importance of gaining wisdom and understanding in order to more fully grasp God's intent for relationships between men and women. Using the Bible as his source, Sayibu takes the reader through our Creator's guidelines for sex and healthy, God-

pleasing relationships. He encourages young men to renew their minds; to be aware of that which fills their thoughts by guarding what their eyes and ears are exposed to on a daily basis. Ultimately, he admonishes young men to change the way they look at and think about women – a message that applies equally to the way in which young women look at and think about men. Sayibu completes his message by encouraging the reader to take his (or her) new found wisdom and understanding and not only get into right relationship with God, but to share this message with friends and loved ones.

Overall, I do not disagree with Sayibu's concern for today's youth and the immorality by which they are surrounded. I agree that there must be a shift toward purity and monogamy in today's culture – and that shift begins with our youth. Unfortunately, I believe the author missed the mark by virtually alienating the female audience. I believe the call to purity and renewing of the mind must occur in both genders equally. I also found some of the scripture references to be a bit repetitive, without being well dissected or more clearly explained. Today's youth are searching for enlightenment – not preaching. They need to see Jesus as relevant and experience Him in very real and tangible ways.

I believe Delilah, Excuse Me!, at its core, is dead on. Despite my concerns, I would still recommend this book to any young man (or woman) who seeks to gain better understanding of God's intent for intimate relationships.
