

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

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LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

THE WAY OF WISDOM WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE – PART 4

The instruction of wisdom and the application of knowledge to the glory of God,
and all that we think, say, and do to the honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Wisdom, Knowledge, Discipleship, Maturity, Growth, Family, Life

Let's Stand & Turn In Our Bible's To The Reading of Our Text Today

Let's Grab Our Bibles & Stand for the reading of God's Word.

Proverbs 2:10-22

10 When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, 11 discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you, 12 to deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things, 13 from those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness; 14 who rejoice in doing evil, and delight in the perversity of the wicked; 15 whose ways are crooked, and who are devious in their paths; 16 to deliver you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words, 17 who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God. 18 For her house leads down to death, and her paths to the dead; 19 none who go to her return, nor do they regain the paths of life – 20 So you may walk in the way of goodness and keep to the paths of righteousness. 21 For the upright will dwell in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; 22 but the wicked will be cut off from the earth, and the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.

THE WAY OF WISDOM
WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE

1.) But We've Got to **Wise up** (worldly wisdom) vs. 1-5

2.) But We've Got to **Show up** (seize opportunities) vs. 6-9

3.) But We've Got to **Wake up** (good vs. evil) vs. 10-13

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4.) But We've Got to **Stand up** vs. 14-19

Proverbs 2:14-19

14 who (those who are evil) **rejoice** in doing evil, and **delight** in the **perversity** of the wicked; **15** whose ways are **crooked**, and who are **devious** in their **paths**; **16** to **deliver** you from **the immoral woman**, from the **seductress who flatters** with her words, **17** who **forsakes** the companion of her youth, and **forgets** the covenant of her God. **18** For her house **leads down** to death, and her **paths** to the dead; **19** none who **go to her** return, nor do they regain the **paths** of life –

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4a.) Stand up to **temptation** vs. 14-15

Recap from verse 13 - he continues on addressing the evildoer...

Verse 13

13 from those who **LEAVE** the **paths** of **uprightness**
to **walk** in the ways of darkness;

Verse 14-15

14 who **rejoice** in doing evil, and **delight** in the **perversity** of the wicked;
15 whose ways are **crooked**, and who are **devious** in their **paths**;

These people are those who **plot** and **plan** and **invent** evil things.

Rejoice Heb: sa'mach
glad, made happy, to make merry, to be pleased. to celebrate.

In **DOING** Evil

Delight Heb: gil
They become exuberate, animated, gleeful –
satisfied once having committed evil

14 who **rejoice** in doing evil, and **delight** in
the **perversity** of the wicked;

Perversity Heb: tah'pu'kah,
to be fraudulent because they are fraudulent with a forwardness, boldness,
confidence in doing any or all perverse things.

1 Timothy 4:2

Speaking lies in hypocrisy, (=)
having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.

Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and
unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.

Romans 1:28-30

And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to
a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all
unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of
envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters
of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things,

4a.) Stand up to (RESISTING) temptation

vs. 15

Verse 15

15 whose ways are crooked, and who are
devious in their paths;

Crooked Heb: aq'ash
a twisted branch, a crooked path, a perverted, opposite view of reality.

Devious Heb: uz
having the desire to turn aside, wanting to depart,
wanting to go off course.

Psalms 140:1-3

Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from violent men, **2** Who plan evil things in their hearts; they continually gather together for war. **3** They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; the poison of asps is under their lips.

Deliverance Looks Like This

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. **13** No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

James 4:4-7

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **5** Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? **6** But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God Resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." **7** Therefore **SUBMIT** to God. **RESIST** the devil and he will flee from you. **8** **DRAW NEAR** to God and He will draw near to you.

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4b.) Stand up to lusts

vs. 16-17

Verse 16-17

16 to deliver you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words, 17 who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.

Our Introduction to the adulterous woman (man).

All part of the spiritual darkness & ignorance;
There is no greater danger to the home today than that of sexual immorality.

The Bible says, God Created Sex and Human Sexuality;
Invented by God, it's a gift given to us by God and is to be used (ministered) per His design.

Sexuality Immorality

The New Testament word most often translated "sexual immorality" is the Greek word Porneia. Porneia is also translated as "whoredom," "fornication," "adultery" in association with "idolatry" which is a form of worship. Porneia one's worship of sexual desire meaning to "surrender as worship, to bow down as worship, to give up sexual purity or to yield as worship, to submit as in worship, to willing hand over your sexual sovereignty as an act of worship."

Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Verse 16-17

16 to deliver you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words, 17 who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.

The (immoral) = **Strange** Woman & The (seductress) =
Stranger Woman

The 7th Commandment is to keep you alive

Exodus 20:14

You shall not commit adultery.

How to Identify Sexual Immorality

Job 31:1

I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look
upon a young woman?

Immoral Heb: zur
to be a stranger, an alien, the same being but a foreigner to, another,
unsanctioned flesh or flesh that is disapproved, not allowed, foreign to you
(and to God) the flesh you are not allowed nor supposed to have.
illegitimate flesh.

His / Her Tactics of Flirtation

Flatters Heb: cha'laq
to distribute, cast forth, put forth, put out, to allure, to divide (implying
her actions are intended to drive a wedge of separating, to conquer.)

WARNING: A wounded or broken soul is also vulnerable to flattery

This is Potiphar's Wife in Genesis 39

Forsakes Heb: a'zab
to leave, to forsake, to untie or loosen to cords, to leave open or undone, to
create an opportunity or ploy to abandon the post.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down
strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against
the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

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4c.) Stand up to **ruin**

vs. 18-19

Verse 18-19

18 For her house **leads down** to death, and her **paths** to the dead;
19 none who **go to her** **return**, nor do they **regain** the **paths** of life –

Leads Heb: shu'ach
to slip, fall, or to sink down into her dwelling. to be on a wet
slippery path that is on a decline (one-way).

Death heb: muth
morbidity, bodily death, physical illness leading to death, death, dying, kill.

Her house LEADS DOWN (not upward, but pulling you downward)...
(like greased pig - you're already on her slip & slide to hell.)

If you're driving by near her / his house, If you're keeping her / his phone
number = The battle is already lost friend.

Sexual Immorality Kills

1 Peter 4:3-4 NLT

You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy—their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols. 4 Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you.

Proverbs 5:3-6

For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil; 4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death, her steps lay hold of hell. 6 Lest you ponder her path of life –
Her ways are unstable;

Question:

What are the top 10 sicknesses and or diseases among those who are sexually active outside the bonds of monogamy?

Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis (and congenital syphilis), HIV, HPV (human papillomavirus), Genital Herpes (HSV), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Trichomoniasis
Hepatitis-related cancers (cervical, **liver**) Pelvic inflammatory diseases as downstream complications.
Epidemiology predicts that having multiple or concurrent partners raises STI risk significantly.
The Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2024 surveillance report on the three nationally notifiable STIs found more than 2.2 million reported cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis (including congenital syphilis) in the U.S.

Source: <https://www.hiv.gov/blog/cdc-releases-2024-national-sti-data>

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. :19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? :20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Verse 18-19

19 none who go to her return,
nor do they regain the paths of life –

Regain Heb: sh'ub (-)
unable to turn around, to turn back , to avert or abort a disaster.

If (IF) you are a Christian – you will not linger here

Proverbs 4:25

Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you. :26 Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. :27 Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Jude 1:17

But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: :18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. :19 These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Holy Spirit.

Proverbs 5:3,7:4-10

For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil; :4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call understanding your nearest kin, :5 That they may keep you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who flatters with her words. :6 For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice, :7 And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, A young man devoid of understanding, :8 Passing along the street near her corner; And he took the path to her house :9 In the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night. :10 And there a woman met him, With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.

Proverbs 7:11-20

She was loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home. :12 At times she was outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner. :13 So she caught him and kissed him; With an impudent face she said to him: :14 "I have peace offerings with me; Today I have paid my vows. :15 So I came out to meet you, Diligently to seek your face, And I have found you. :16 I have spread my bed with tapestry, Colored coverings of Egyptian linen. :17 I have perfumed my bed With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. :18 Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with love. :19 For my husband is not at home; He has gone on a long journey; :20 He has taken a bag of money with him, And will come home on the appointed day."

Proverbs 5:7

Therefore hear me now, my children, And do not depart from the words of my mouth. :8 Remove your way far from her, And do not go near the door of her house, :9 Lest you give your honor to others, And your years to the cruel one; :10 Lest aliens be filled with your wealth, And your labors go to the house of a foreigner; :11 And you mourn at last, When your flesh and your body are consumed,

As Biblical Prophecy Goes

I believe that it is clear - sexual immorality is one of the great signs of the Last Days.

Matthew 24:37

But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Jude 1:7

As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

2 Peter 2:6

And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

Luke 17:29

But on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

Our Sodom & Gomorrah Age.
There's even more evidence of these Last Days...

<https://capoliticalreview.com/2026/07/02/bill-originally-seeking-to-prohibit-sex-offenders-and-human-traffickers-from-elected-office-amended-to-exempt-pedophiles/>

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-07-01/ban-on-sex-offenders-running-for-office-fails-at-california-senate>

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Insanity Rules in the Halls of Power.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/new-california-law-reduces-penalty-knowingly-exposing-someone-hiv-n809416>

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

End of Study

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