

Which Path Are You On?

World's Greatest Wisdom Part 2

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The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

Proverbs 4:18-19

See also: Proverbs 2:9, 4:14, 5:8, 12:28, 15:10, 15:19, 15:24, 16:29, 21:16, 23:19, 28:10.

**Your direction, not your _____,
determines your destination.**

- We think that our good intentions and hopes and dreams will somehow outweigh the decisions we make on a daily basis, but the Proverbs tells us that our direction, not our intention, determines our destination.

Proverbs 7:6-9

At the window of my house I looked down through the lattice. I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who had no sense. He was going down the street near her corner, walking along in the direction of her house at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in.

The young man thinks this is an exciting _____.
The older wiser man knows its not an event, but a _____.

Verses 10-14

Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute... She took hold of him and kissed him and with a brazen face she said: "Today I fulfilled my vows, and I have food from my fellowship offering at home.

Verses 18-22

Come, let's drink deep of love till morning; let's enjoy ourselves with love! My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey. He took his purse filled with money and will not be home till full moon."

With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk. All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare, little knowing it will cost him his life.

**The foolish person focuses on the one-time event,
The wise person focuses on the direction,
and where that path leads.**

Verses 24-26: (The Lesson)

Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say. Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths. Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. Her house is a highway to the grave...

- Sin never involves a unique situation; it's always a predictable path, with a predictable destination.
- My choices each day in my finances, relationships, health, spiritual growth, career, and every area of life, put me onto a path that has a predictable destination, whether good or bad.

The question to ask yourself this week:
**Will the paths I'm on right now
take me where I want to go?**