

## **Strolling Down the Path**

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**Proverbs 7:7-8**, *“I saw some naive young men, and one in particular who lacked common sense (wisdom and judgment).<sup>8</sup> He was crossing the street near the house of an immoral woman, strolling down the path by her house.”*

**Proverbs 7:9-10**, *“It was at twilight, in the evening, as deep darkness fell.<sup>10</sup> The woman approached him, seductively dressed and sly of heart.”*

**Proverbs 7:13-14**, *“She threw her arms around him and kissed him, and with a brazen look she said,<sup>14</sup> “You’re the one I was looking for! I came out to find you, and here you are!”*

**Proverbs 7:21-27**, *“So she seduced him with her pretty speech and enticed him with her flattery.<sup>22</sup> He followed her at once, like an ox going to the slaughter. He was like a stag caught in a trap,<sup>23</sup> awaiting the arrow that would pierce its heart. He was like a bird flying into a snare, little knowing it would cost him his life.<sup>24</sup> So listen to me, my sons, and pay attention to my words.<sup>25</sup> Don’t let your hearts stray away toward her. Don’t wander down her wayward path.<sup>26</sup> For she has been the ruin of many; many men have been her victims.<sup>27</sup> Her house is the road to the grave. Her bedroom is the den of death.”*

**Proverbs 8:1-6**, *“Listen as Wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice!<sup>2</sup> On the hilltop along the road, she takes her stand at the crossroads.<sup>3</sup> By the gates at the entrance to the town, on the road leading in, she cries aloud,<sup>4</sup> “I call to you, to all of you! I raise my voice to all people.<sup>5</sup> You simple people, use good judgment. You foolish people, show some understanding.<sup>6</sup> Listen to me! For I have important things to tell you.”*

**Ephesians 2:10**, *“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”*

**James 1:5**, *“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”*

**Philippians 3:13-15**, *“No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,<sup>14</sup> I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.<sup>15</sup> Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things.”*

**Isaiah 44:21-23**, *“Pay attention, for you are my servant, O Israel. I, the Lord, made you, and I will not forget you.<sup>22</sup> I have swept away your sins like a cloud. I have scattered your offenses like the morning mist. Oh, return to me, for I have paid the price to set you free.”<sup>23</sup> Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done this wondrous thing. Shout for joy, O depths of the earth! Break into song, O mountains and forests and every tree! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob and is glorified in Israel.”*