

Be Careful Who You Follow

Proverbs 5:1-23

I. Caution - the illustration a deceitful woman

1 My son, attend **(to prick up)** unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding:
2 That thou mayest regard **(protect)** discretion **(mischievous thoughts)**, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge.

A. You can't trust what you see and hear

3 For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil:
4 But her end is bitter as wormwood **(poisonous)**, sharp as a twoedged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.
6 Lest thou shouldest ponder **(prepare mentally)** the path of life, her ways are moveable **(waver)**, *that* thou canst not know *them*.

B. Listen to me - Avoid Her

7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of MY MOUTH.
8 Remove **(change your ways)** thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

C. Undesired Results

1. Others will enjoy your prestige and time

9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

2. Others will enjoy your money & your freedom

10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours *be* in the house of a stranger;
11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

II. Personal Instruction - Commandments on how to have failure in life

A. Don't listen to wisdom

12 And say, How have I hated **(hate or view as a foe)** instruction **(warnings)**, and my heart despised **(hated)** reproof **(correcting chastisement)**;

B. Don't Obey wise advise

13 And have NOT OBEYED the voice of my teachers, nor inclined **(to bend away from)** mine ear to them that instructed **(goad; W1828 = to stimulate to move)** me!
14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

III. Commands on how to have success in Life

A. Stick to what is yours

15 Drink waters out of thine OWN(imbibe; W1828 = receive into the mind retain) cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

16 Let thy fountains be dispersed(dashed in pieces) abroad(sever outside), and rivers of waters in the streets.

B. Keep what's yours to yourself - Marriage - One Man with one woman

17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

1. Be satisfied with what God has given you

19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman(commit adultery), and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

2. God is watching!!!

21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth(to weigh mentally) all his goings.

3. You will get what's coming to you!

22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.