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(#7) God's Wisdom Delivers From Perverse Teachers and Immoral Women 2:10-22

Verses 10-15: Those who have accepted wisdom, are pleased with knowledge, preserved by discretion (good judgment), kept (protected) by understanding, are prepared to ward off "evil."

"Evil" is described by the four phrases in **verses 12-15:**

- 1) "Perverse" teaching. "Perverse" means "to turn or change a thing from its truthful meaning." This is designed to misdirect and confuse a right-thinking person.
- 2) "Leave the paths of righteousness." These are determined to go their own way.
- 3) "Walk in the ways of darkness." Those who hide their sinful deeds either in the dark of night, or in the darkness of ignorance, do not please God.
- 4) "Rejoice in doing evil." Their pleasure is in what is wrong, not what is right.
- 5) "Delight in the perversity of the wicked." Not only their own evil deeds, but have pleasure in others who are like them morally.
- 6) "Crooked," and "devious" describe them, not "upright" and "truthful."

What has been described is why youthful, inexperienced, ignorant, immature children have no business making their own decisions about life without parental guidance and The Word of God! **Proverbs 2:10-15** have just described "the wrong crowd" for any good person, and, unfortunately, this "crowd" has descended into "religion," as the Apostles of Jesus Christ described (**1 Timothy 6:3-5; Jude 3-21**), and has given it a bad reputation.

Verses 16-19: Since God created one woman for one man and brought her to that man to complete him, the terms for a married couple has been "the man and his wife" (**Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4-6, 9**). That said, every woman is "strange" who seeks a sexual relationship with any man who is not her own husband. Sex before or outside of marriage is "fornication," and sex with anyone already in a marriage relationship with another individual is "adultery" (**Hebrews 13:4**). The "immoral woman" is one who:

- (1) "Flatters with her words." This is "oily, slick" speech of a prostitute.
- (2) "Forsakes the companion of her youth." She carries no learned convictions from her childhood, nor appreciation of men since that time.
- (3) "Forgets the covenant of her God." She has irreverence for God and His pattern for marriage, and is willing to put this out of her mind altogether.



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- (4) "Her house leads down to death." Disease, affliction, pain and sorrow are inside, not a pleasant future.
- (5) "Her paths to the dead." All roads lead to her "cemetery." How can anyone having sex with her say, "Man, that's living?"
- (6) It's a one-way street, meaning once she seduces, it plants the seeds of discontent, desire, and destruction in a heart, which seldom can recover.

"The paths of life" that are not recovered involve the life of health, happiness, honesty, and heaven. Fornicators and adulterers have violated their bodies and souls ([1 Corinthians 6:15-19](#)), and while not impossible, repentance and recovery is very difficult.

Verses 20-22: Teach the prior judgment of God, and the wise will be warned and advised of conduct to be avoided. God's Wisdom shows the way of "goodness," "righteousness" which the "upright" and "blameless" will follow. Rejecting that Wisdom is for the "wicked" that shall be "cut off from the earth," and the "unfaithful" are to be "uprooted from it."

