

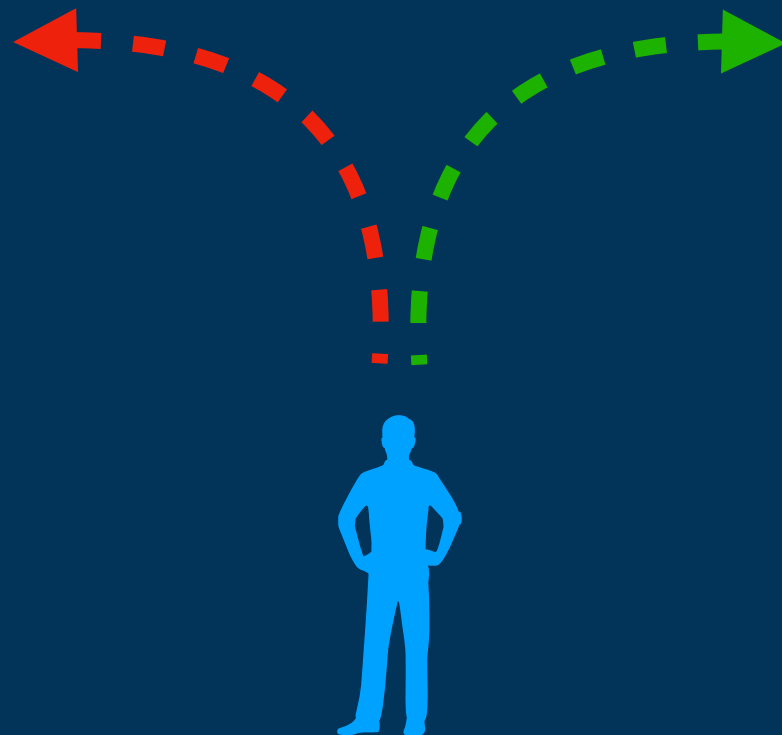
# The Wrong Path - Adultery

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Everyday Wisdom | Proverbs 5:1-23; 6:20-35; 7:1-27

**Path #1** - The way  
of the foolish

**Path #2** - The way of  
the wise









Pay attention to my  
commands, God's Word.

Proverbs 5:1-2; 6:20-23; 7:1-5

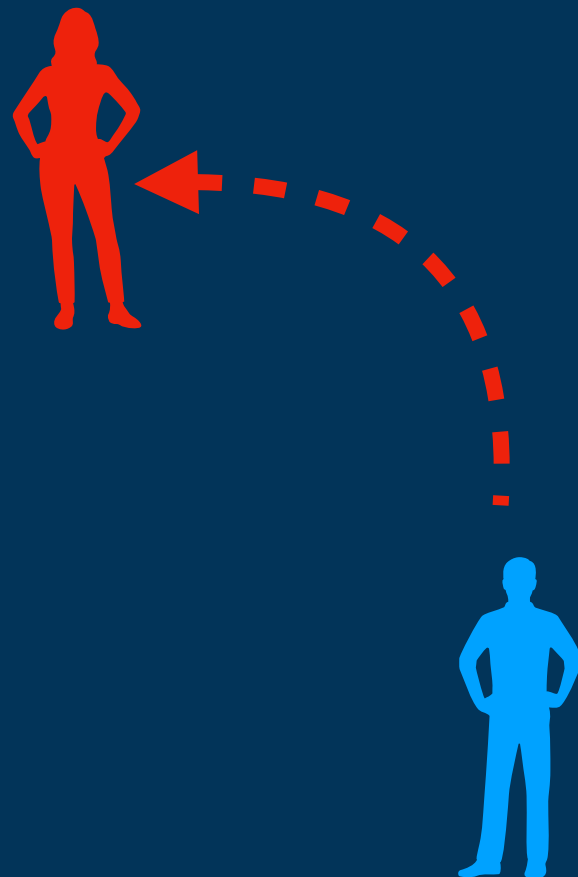


- 1 My son, keep my words  
and store up my commands within you.
- 2 Keep my commands and you will live;  
guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.

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Proverbs 7:1-2 (NIV) (see also 5:1-2; 6:20-23; 7:3-5)

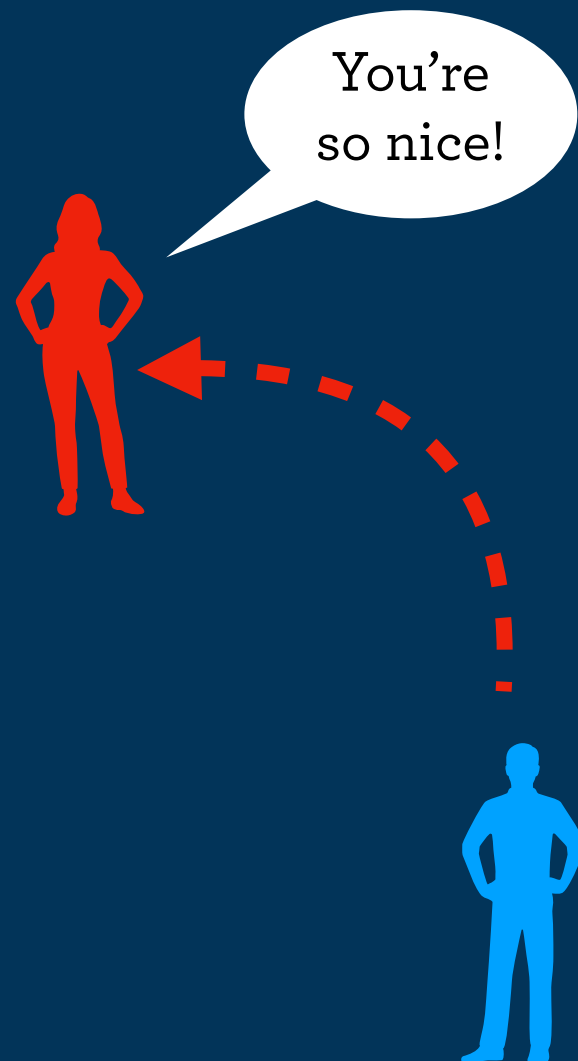
The forbidden  
woman, the  
adulteress.



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## A. Words of affirmation (5:3; 6:24; 7:21)



For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey,  
and her speech is smoother than oil;

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Proverbs 5:3 (NIV) (see also 6:24; 7:21)



With persuasive words *he* led *her* astray;  
*he* seduced *her* with *his* smooth talk.

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Proverbs 7:21 (*adapted* from NIV)

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B. Culture of acceptance (7:10-20)



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5. **God's punishment** (6:29) / **Death** (5:5, 23; 6:26; 7:23, 27)

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Keep to a path far from her,  
do not go near the door of her house,

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Proverbs 5:8 (NIV)

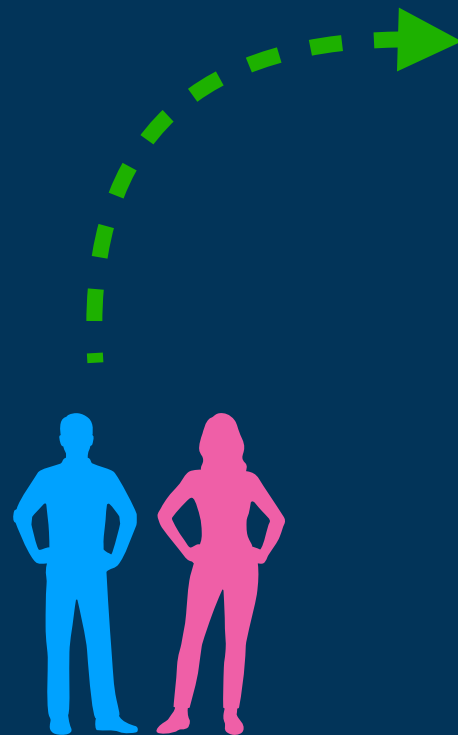
- 7 I saw among the simple,  
I noticed among the young men,  
a youth who had no sense.
- 8 He was going down the street near her corner,  
walking along in the direction of her house
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Proverbs 7:7-8 (NIV)

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- **Rule #1 - Stay away.** (5:8; 7:7-8)
- **Rule #2 - Take a friend.** (5:15-20)



- 15 Drink water from your own cistern,  
running water from your own well.
- 16 Should your springs overflow in the streets,  
your streams of water in the public squares?
- 17 Let them be yours alone,  
never to be shared with strangers.
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Proverbs 5:15-20 (NIV)



- 18 May your fountain be blessed,  
and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.
- 19 A loving doe, a graceful deer—  
may her breasts satisfy you always,  
may you ever be intoxicated with her love.
- 20 Why, my son, be intoxicated with another man's wife?  
Why embrace the bosom of a wayward woman?
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Proverbs 5:15-20 (NIV)

But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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Matthew 5:28 (NIV)

If a man is found sleeping with another man's wife, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die. You must purge the evil from Israel.

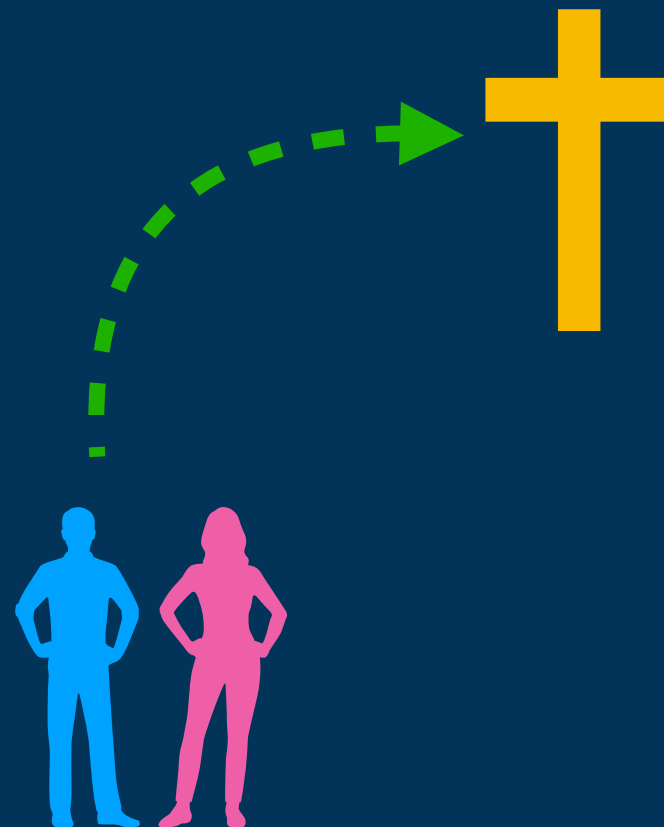
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Deuteronomy 22:22 (NIV)

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- Rule #1 - Stay away. (5:8; 7:7-8)
- Rule #2 - Take a friend. (5:15-20)
- Rule #3 - Believe in Jesus. (John 3:16)





For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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John 3:16 (NIV)