



Proverbs 5

My son, pay attention to my wisdom, turn your ear to my words of insight,
2 that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.

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

4 but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.

6 She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths wander aimlessly, but she
does not know it. 7 Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from
what I say.

8 Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house,
9 lest you lose your honor to others and your dignity[a] to one who is cruel,
10 lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich the house of
another.

11 At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent.

12 You will say, "How I hated discipline How my heart spurned correction!

13 I would not obey my teachers or turn my ear to my instructors.

14 And I was soon in serious trouble in the assembly of God's people."

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.

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?

21 For your ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all your paths.

22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them the cords of their sins hold
them fast.

23 For lack of discipline they will die, led astray by their own great folly.

Devotion

Prayer Journal

How often do you wander from God? We tend to wander off a lot more than we want to admit. We wander off, believing we have the power to make our own choices and know better than God.

When in reality, the truth is we are wandering away from what's good. This is similar to when a child wanders off, you always know there's trouble when they are quiet. We wander off and act quiet around God just the same. We don't want to admit to what we have thought or done. We know the sin in our lives is ever present and it's what causes us to wander off. But see God knew we would wander off like this. He watched Adam and Eve do it. Our Father knew we needed someone who could bring us back to him. We need redirection in our faith and lives just as much as a child does. He sent Jesus to redirect us through Baptism and dying on the cross.

It's through Jesus we receive this redirection on Sunday mornings through communion, taking His Body and Blood.

He washes us clean and redirects us every morning through our baptism and the forgiveness of sins. How wonderful is it to know that we have a God who is that forgiving and patient with us when we continue to wander off daily? We cannot find that unending love and hope anywhere else.

Prayer: Father please continue to redirect us and love us as we wander off. We know that we do not deserve the love you continue to pour out, but we are so thankful for what your Son has done to save us daily.

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