

6 For at the window of my house  
I looked through my lattice,  
7 And saw among the simple,  
I perceived among the youths,  
A young man devoid of understanding,  
8 Passing along the street near her corner;  
And he took the path to her house  
9 In the twilight, in the evening,  
In the black and dark night.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from "the Proverb of the day." In these four verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that the road to self-destruction begins in several subtle ways against which we must be watchful.

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Proverb 7 verses 6 to 9. These are God's words. For at the window of my house, I looked through my lattice And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths. A young man devoid of understanding. Passing along near.

Passing along the street near her corner and he took the path to her house. In the Twilight in the evening. In the black and Dark Knight.

So far. Reading of Gods inspired, and it worked

As the passage goes on to the end of the passage, It will turn out that. This man, who is being described. Is going to what he thinks is going to be. pleasure. But Has destruction will come like an arrow suddenly. striking him in the liver.

The vitals. And, Much worse than just death. It is hell itself to, which he is going. But just now in verses 6 through 9, There are. Three things. Maybe four things here. And I'd like to point out that Predecessors or conditions that lead? To the destruction of a person to the destruction.

Of life. The first is, Where the illustration here finds? The young man instead of finding him. His father. And learning and assimilating wisdom. As the first four verses. Of the chapter had urged him to do. He finds him. Among the youths verse 7. So there's two things going on here.

One is, he's not valuing. Learning wisdom from Those whom the Lord has given to him. To teach him the wisdom. And the second is, he's surrounding himself with other fools like he is. We have to have the humility to understand.

We Begin as fools and The. Impulse or inclination. To surround yourself with people who think like, you, is basically a way of sentencing yourself to not gaining wisdom, sending you're sensing yourself. To remain. Foolish. And Subject to the consequences of your Folly.

The third thing here is Not guarding your way. not guarding. Your life in those things that are most healthy. And this applies to for things like your body and your mind, not just your soul. But quickly translates into Positively making. Self-Destructive decisions. Verse 8, he's passing along the street near her corner.

We've had by the time you get to this point in the Book of Proverbs many instructions. Not even to go near to direct your path away from and far from. But notice how passing along the street near her corner. First half of verse 8, turns into he took the path to her house.

Second half of verse eight. There is a. Progressively increasing or domino effect. To not being careful and intentional. in what is wise and prudent and healthy. And this is, especially. Point it, when it comes to Sin. And especially sin, that is related to impulse Behavior. Things that very directly.

Affect the flash things that we've discovered or learned. very still minuscule but increasing understanding of how the brain works. So quickly affect brain chemistry. Like food or alcohol. Or other drugs. or Sexual sin. The desire to. Have the physical feelings of A man, and his wife without being with your wife, or for the ladies.

With your husband. And, In any of these areas. If you don't plan. To go as far from. That which is harmful and foolish as possible. It will very quickly translate to positively choosing That which Causes you harm. That's the third thing to notice there in verse eight. And then, in verse 9, the silliness and the stupidity.

Of thinking that evening or Darkness. Are hiding him. There are all these things that give you the illusion. above Protection or secrecy or being able to get away with something whether it's whatever people that you would have been more embarrassed. Of or felt in trouble with, you know, whether it's them not being around.

Or. In the new digital world, all the ways. Covering tracks and hiding or whatever, but In the context, to the scripture, we read verse 9 in the Twilight in the evening, in the black, and the Dark Knight. And, The context of the Bible is the context of being before the face of God.

He sees even the heart, which we do not see, or understand in ourselves, our hearts are deceitful above all things. But not to him, he knows the heart. And, Blackness, Darkness cannot hide us. Darkest blackest. Part of the night is as light to him. So Psalm 139 and a bunch of other places in the scripture, And so just the Ridiculousness or the Folly of trying to hide anything or thinking that we're getting away with it.

We think of children as being ridiculous, when they like, You know, leave a trail behind them, or cover their eyes and think that they are invisible to you because they are invisible to themselves with their eyes covered. And we think hahaha isn't that so silly? But then those of us who are not little children, are we not just as stupidly silly?

When we think that, Just because we've covered our eyes to ourselves or even somehow duped other people, or hidden things from them. That because we can't see ourselves that God can't see us. Or that whether or not God, can see, us isn't the most important thing. In this situation.

And so, even before we get to the woman and all the different ways, she entraps him and how it gets rationalized and how he gets pulled down into it. You have these several things, Justin just in these four verses. That are great warnings to us about how someone ends up in.

such self-destructive sin. So may the Lord give us. Not try to surround ourselves with people who have all the same Follies that we do. May the Lord give us. Make good use of his word and the wisdom that he gives us by his word. And those particular ones whom he has appointed.

To be the ones through whom he gives us his word. May the Lord give us to be careful on the front end and to heed all of the instructions to give a wide birth to direct our path away from and far from any way in which we must fall.

Then to direct our paths away from and far from Any way that putras in danger of falling, And may the Lord give us to remember that we are always before his face. To be mindful of him. And to care most of all about what he sees, so that we don't Get.

To the place, where we feel comfortable, listening, because we think we are From creatures, or even from ourselves. Let's pray. Father, your son, our Lord. Jesus has told us. To pray. Lead us not to Temptation. And now we have come to this passage in which Your spirit has showed us.

Several important ways that we Ought to avoid Temptation. And so we take these two things together. And we pray that your spirit would write the truth of this portion of your word on our hearts. And cause us to live by. So that we would not foolishly. Walk into fall into temptation.

When you have instructed us about, how Not to do so. So, please help us. We ask By the Life of Christ goodness of Christ in And, For the sake of Christ's glory. In our lives. So, we asked his name, amen.