

“My Son, Keep My Words ...”

Proverbs 7
Downfall Of A
Young Man

Young People

***Ultimately Will We Lose Them
To The World???***

Young People

Proverbs 7:1-4, “My son, keep my words, And lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments and live; And my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers; Write them upon the tablet of thy heart. Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; And call understanding (thy) kinswoman.”

**PROVERBS 7
THE PERSON TEMPTED**

- A “Young man” verse 7
- “Void of understanding” verse 7; 2:11-12; Proverbs 3:13; 16:22; 21:16; 23:23
 - Why? Deuteronomy 6:6-7; 21:18f; Proverbs 15:5
- Was in the wrong company ... “Among the simple ones” and “among the youths” verse 7 Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33
 - Many have fallen. Genesis 13:12; 1 Samuel 8; 1 Kings 11

**PROVERBS 7
THE PERSON TEMPTED**

- Was idle ... “Passing through the street” verse 8; Ezekiel 16:49
- Was in the wrong place ... “He went the way to her house” verse 8; Proverbs 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; 1 Peter 5:8
- Was a night owl ... “... in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the middle of the night and in the darkness.” verses 8-9; Job 24:15; John 3:19-21

**PROVERBS 7
THE PERSON DOING THE TEMPTING**

- A married woman verses 19-20; cf. 6:32-33
- Dressed like a prostitute ... “The attire of a harlot” verse 10; 1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:1-4

Contrast

1 Timothy 2:9

Not

- Braided hair
- Gold, pearls
- Costly raiment

But

- Modesty
- Shamfastness
- Sobriety
- Professing godliness
- Quietness

1 Peter 3:1-4

Not

- Braided hair
- Outward adorning
- Jewels, Apparel

But

- Hidden man of heart
- Meek and Quiet

PROVERBS 7

THE PERSON DOING THE TEMPTING

- Crafty and cunning ... *"Wily of heart"* verse 10
- Boisterous and unruly ... *"Loud and stubborn"* verse 11; cf. Proverbs 31:10-31 Worthy Woman.
- Gadabout ... *"Her feet abide not in her house"* verse 11; Titus 2:5; 1 Timothy 5:13-14

PROVERBS 7

THE PERSON DOING THE TEMPTING

- Forward and indecent ... *"She caught him and kissed him"* verse 13; cf. Jeremiah 6:15
- Courted him to eat with her ... Seems religious ... *"I have peace offerings with me"* verses 14-15
- Pretended great affection ... *"Therefore, came I forth to meet thee ... I have found thee"* verse 15; cf. Genesis 3:3-4

PROVERBS 7

THE PERSON DOING THE TEMPTING

- Courted him to lie with her ... verses 16-18; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:18; Genesis 39:7ff
- Anticipates and removes his objections. verses 19-20

PROVERBS 7

SUCCESS OF THE TEMPTATION

Verses 21-23

- *"Her much fair speech" "The flattering of her lips"* verse 21; cf. Proverbs 5:3-5; 12:2; 29:5
- The young man's own ignorance. verses 22-23; cf. 2 Peter 2:14; Proverbs 22:1; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21

PROVERBS 7

THE LESSON Verses 24-27

- Harken to the right one ... *"Unto me"* verse 24
- Take good counsel when it is given ... verse 25
- Take fair warning when it is given ... verses 26-27
- Look back ... Look forward