



Which Way Is It?



Proverbs 1:8-19  
Message

Carefully  
consider the  
character and  
consequences  
of life's two  
paths then  
make God's  
way your way

# Solomon's first collection (Prov 1:1-9:18)

**Encounter the quest:** godly wisdom and its foundation (1:1-7)

**Take up the quest:** 12 poems of a father (1:8-8:36)

Ten speeches by a loving father ("my son(s)")

Two portraits of Lady Wisdom

**Guides on the quest:** Rival speeches by Lady Wisdom and Dame Folly (9:1-18)

# What way is it?

- I. Receive instruction in God's **delightful way** (8-9)
- II. Reject the appeals to join the sinner's **deceptive way** (10-14)
- III. Remember the consequences of the sinner's **disastrous way** (15-18)

Proverbs 1:8-19

“The tender address, *my son*...connotes that the father considers his son as his spiritual heir, not merely his biological offspring (see 4:3)”

“**Evil**” in Proverbs:

“Solomon’s proverbs define  
“evil” from the point of view of  
Israel’s covenant-keeping God”

# PROV 1:8-9 AND PS 73:25-28

The most precious jewel in  
God's way is a personal  
relationship with God Himself!

The basic idea in Prov 1:17 is that sinners “set an ambush for themselves...it is pointless to throw a net toward any flying creature, for God has given it the good sense to avoid it”