



Path of Stumbling Ignorance

PROVERBS 4:10-19 - MESSAGE

Carefully consider the two paths'
ability to reveal reality

They're as different as night and day

“The path of stumbling ignorance” vs “The path of ever increasing light”

Hold On To Wisdom – Prov 4:10-19

- I. Keep hold of the path of wisdom (10-13)
- II. Steer clear of the path of evil (14-17)
 - Appeal 1: Don't even get started in the evil path! (14)
 - Appeal 2: Avoid the evil path at all costs! (15)
 - Reason 1: Wicked men are enslaved to wickedness (16)
 - Reason 2: Wickedness is their daily diet! (17)

Proverbs 4:15 – Avoid and Stray from

○ **Avoid:**

- To rebel against something
- Make an active defiance against the pull of temptation (Prov 23:31; 9:17; 20:17)

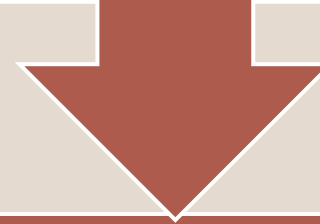
○ **Stray from:**

- To deliberately change your course away from it (Waltke)
- Flee temptation (2 Tim 2:22; Gen 39:12)

Proverbs 4:16-17

***Enslaving nature of sin
toward those who take
the path of evil***

They've become "evilholics"



"then by day they nourish themselves in
executing their plans...Evil has become their
real nature" (Waltke, *Proverbs*, 1:286, 290)

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- I. Keep hold of the path of wisdom (10-13)
- II. Steer clear of the path of evil (14-17)
- III. Consider the stark contrast between the two paths (18-19)

Stumbling over the broad, evil path (Prov 4:14-17, 19)



How do you feed on Christ? (Jn 6:47-58)

- **Resting in** Jesus' shed blood as full payment for your sins (Heb 4:11; 9:14)
- **Trusting in** Him for salvation from the penalty of sin (Titus 3:5-7)
- Sweet, nourishing **fellowship with Him** as your Good Shepherd (Jn 6:56-58; 15:4-11)
- **Swimming in** the vast ocean of His love (Eph 3:17-19)
- **Drawing strength** from Him (Eph 3:16)
- **Rousing your heart to a deeper love** for Him (Eph 6:24)
- **Stirring a deeper desire to please Him** by obeying Him (Eph 5:10; Jn 15:10).
- In other words, living by faith! (Jn 6:34-35)

