

“STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES!”

Love Jesus, Hate Church

“You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you saying, ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.’”
Matthew 15:7-9

“HEY, WATCH WHERE YOU WALKIN’ SON!”

The warning from the Father (action required):

My son, keep my word, and treasure my commandments within you. Keep my commandments and live, and my teaching as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers (deeds); Write them on the tablet of your heart (thoughts). Say to wisdom, “You are my sister,” and call understanding your intimate friend.
Proverbs 7:1-4

The reason for the warning:

That they may keep you from an adulteress, from the foreigner who flatters with her words.
Proverbs 7:5

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An example of a shipwrecked spiritual life:

For at the window of my house I looked out through my lattice, and I saw among (who) the naïve (or, simple ones), and discerned among the youths a young man (what) lacking sense (or, heart). passing through the street near her corner; and he takes the way to her house.
Proverbs 7:6-8

The downward spiral in the progression of sin:

Twilight, evening, midnight and darkness:

In the twilight, in the evening, in the middle of the night and in the darkness.
Proverbs 7:9

Walk, stand and sit:

How blessed is the man who does not (1) walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor (2) stand in the path of sinners, nor (3) sit in the seat of scoffers!
Psalm 1:1

Carried away, enticed, conceived, birth and death:

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is (1) carried away and (2) enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has (3) conceived, it gives (4) birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth (5) death.
James 1:13-15

Lot and Allied Movers:

Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents (where) as far as Sodom.
Genesis 13:12

They also took Lot, Abram's nephew, and his possessions and departed, for he was living (where) in Sodom.
Genesis 14:12

Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting (where) in the gate of Sodom.
Genesis 19:1a

“And don’t tell me you didn’t know what was going on!”

And behold, a woman (1) comes to meet him, (2) dressed as a harlot and (3) cunning of heart. She is (4) boisterous and (5) rebellious, her feet (6) do not remain at home; She is (7) now in the streets, (8) now in the squares, and (9) lurks by every corner.
Proverbs 7:10-12

THE SIEGE AGAINST OUR NATURAL OBJECTIONS:

First, the Love Jesus, Hate Church style of Christianity:

So she seizes him and kisses him, and with a brazen face she says to him: “I was due to offer peace offerings; today I have paid my vows. Therefore I have come out to meet you, to seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you.”
Proverbs 7:13-15

Next, the appeal to the physical:

“I have spread my couch with coverings, with colored linens of Egypt. I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning; let us delight ourselves with caresses.”

Proverbs 7:16-18

Finally, “Don’t worry. You’ll never get caught.”

For my husband is not at home, he has gone on a long journey. He has taken a bag of money with him, at the full moon he will come home.”

Proverbs 7:19-20

STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES!”— Revisited.

Life as captain of the spiritual Titanic:

With her many persuasions she entices him; with her flattering lips she seduces him. Suddenly he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as one in fetters to the discipline of a fool, until an arrow pierces through his liver; as a bird hastens to the snare, so he does not know that it will cost him his life.

Proverbs 7:21-23

THE ANTIDOTE TO A SHIPWRECKED FAITH:

And this is for living— and not just for preaching!

Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, and pay attention to the words of my mouth. Do not (what) let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not (what) stray into her paths. For many are the victims she has cast down, and numerous are all her slain. Her house is the way to Sheol, descending to the chambers of death.

Proverbs 7:24-27