### Proverbs

## Chapter 5

1O son,  
  
Pay attention to my wisdom  
 And lend your ears to my words  
 So that you can understand clearly…  
 2Then my lips will tell you the things I’ve perceived.  
  
To bad women, you should pay no attention!  
 3For the lips of a whore drip with honey,  
 Which may fatten the throat for a while…  
 4But then, you’ll find them more bitter than bile  
 And sharper than a double-edged sword.  
  
5Foolish are the feet of those turning to her,  
 For this leads to death and the grave…  
 And the tracks aren’t easily noticed.  
 6Her ways don’t lead to life,  
 And the tracks that she makes are slippery and dark.  
  
7O son, please listen to me…  
 Don’t ignore these things that I’m saying!  
 8From them, you should stay far away…  
 Don’t approach the doors to their homes  
 9So you don’t pass your life onto others  
 And share your vigor with those who lack mercy.  
  
10No, don’t fill a stranger with your vigor…  
 Your strength shouldn’t enter [a whore]…  
 11For you’ll then be sorry when your flesh falls away.  
 12And you’ll say:  
  
 ‘How I hated to be told…  
 How discipline [bothered] my heart…  
 13So I wouldn’t accept their correction,  
 And my ears wouldn’t hear the things I was taught.  
 14So, little by little, I fell into bad  
 And away from [God’s] congregation.’  
  
15O son,  
  
Drink water from your own jar…  
 Just that which flows from your own well!  
 16Let the waters of your springs overflow…  
 Carry your own water when you go to the squares!  
  
17Let it be yours all alone…  
 Don’t share it with strangers!  
 18Let your spring be just yours alone,  
 And find joy in the wife of your youth…  
 19Your favorite filly, and your friendly hind.  
  
Let her share conversation with you…  
 Hold her high and keep her nearby,  
 For this friendship will mean a great deal.  
  
20Don’t spend time with strange women,  
 And never hold one who’s not yours.  
 21For the eyes of God watch the ways of a man,  
 And He’s tracking the things that we do.  
  
22Unlawful acts are a snare to all men,  
 And for your sins, you’ll be wrapped up in chains.  
 23Those who don’t learn this will come to their end,  
 And then they’ll lose all they own…  
 They’ll perish in their own foolish ways.