

Time 2 Change

How to Get From Where I Am to Where I Want to Be

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PATH: It's <u>direction</u> - not <u>intention</u> - that leads to destination. **Proverbs Chapter 7**

While I was at the window of my house, looking through the curtain, I saw some naive young men, and one in particular who lacked common sense. He was crossing the street near the house of an immoral woman, strolling down the path by her house. It was at twilight, in the evening, as deep darkness fell. The woman approached him, seductively dressed and sly of heart. She was the brash, rebellious type, never content to stay at home. She is often in the streets and markets, soliciting at every corner. She threw her arms around him and kissed him, and with a brazen look she said, "I've just made my peace offerings and fulfilled my vows. You're the one I was looking for! I came out to find you, and here you are! My bed is spread with beautiful blankets, with colored sheets of Egyptian linen. I've perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let's drink our fill of love until morning. Let's enjoy each other's caresses, for my husband is not home. He's away on a long trip. He has taken a wallet full of money with him and won't return until later this month." So she seduced him with her pretty speech and enticed him with her flattery. He followed her at once like an ox going to the slaughter.

He was like a stag caught in a trap, awaiting the arrow that would pierce its heart. He was like a bird flying into a snare, little knowing it would cost him his life. So listen to me, my sons, and pay attention to my words. Don't let your hearts stray away toward her. Don't wander down her wayward **path**. For she has been the ruin of many; many men have been her victims. **Proverbs 7:6-27 (NLT)**

Her house is the road (pathway, interstate, the expressway) *to the grave. Her bedroom is the den of death.* **Proverbs 7:27 (NLT)**

How to create True Change in every area of my life

1. I must intentionally choose to change my direction (pathways).

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take. **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)**

2. I must intentionally choose a new <u>leader</u> to guide me.

...*My* (Jesus) *purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.* John 10:10 (NLT)

Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light. Matt. 11:29-30 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. Read Proverbs 14:12-14 and answer the following questions: Has there ever been a time when your emotions deceived you? Has there ever been a time when you have gone with what society and culture has said is acceptable, only to find out in time it has lead to difficulty? Read John 10:10. If you knew of a person who could lead you to a life that is rich and full would you follow them? This is what Jesus Christ came to do. If you have never made Him your Lord; why don't you do that now. Pray and ask Him to forgive your past and make Him the leader of your future. Then write me at Jay@centerpointchurch.com and tell me your story. Choose now to join a good Bible-teaching Church that will teach you His ways.