

CHAPTER 7

KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS
AND LIVE

My son, keep my words,
and ^alay up my com-
mandments with thee.
² Keep my command-
ments, and live;⁵ and my
law as the apple of thine eye.

³ Bind them upon thy fingers, write
them upon the table of thine heart.

⁴ Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sis-
ter; and call understanding *thy* kins-
woman:

⁵ That they may keep thee from the
strange woman, from the stranger
which flattereth with her words.

THE WAYS OF THE HARLOT

⁶ ¶ For at the window of my house I
looked through my casement,

⁷ And beheld among the simple ones, I
discerned among the youths, a young
man ^vvoid of understanding,

⁸ Passing through the street near her
corner; and he went the way to her
house,

⁹ In the twilight, in the evening, in
the black and dark night:

¹⁰ And, behold, there met him a woman
with the attire of an harlot, and subtil
of heart.

¹¹ (^{*}She is loud and stubborn;^v her feet
abide not in her house:

¹² Now *is she* without, now in the streets,
and lieth in wait at every corner.)

¹³ So she caught him, and kissed him,
and with an impudent face said unto
him,

¹⁴ *I have* peace offerings with me; this
day have I payed my vows.

¹⁵ Therefore came I forth to meet thee,
diligently to seek thy face, and I have
found thee.

¹⁶ I have decked my bed with cover-
ings of tapestry, with carved *works*,
with ²fine linen of E^ggypt.

¹⁷ I have perfumed my bed with myrrh,
aloes, and cinnamon.

¹⁸ Come, let us take our fill of love
until the morning: let us solace our-
selves with loves.

¹⁹ For the goodman is not at home, he
is gone a long journey:

²⁰ He hath taken a bag of money with
him, *and* will come home at the day
appointed.

²¹ With ^aher much fair speech she
caused him to yield, ^bwith the flatter-
ing of her lips she forced him.

²² He goeth after her straightway, as
an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a
fool to the correction of the stocks;

²³ Till a dart strike through his liver;
^cas a bird hasteth to the snare, and
knoweth not that it is for his life.

²⁴ ¶ Hearken unto me now therefore,
O ye children, and attend to the words
of my mouth.

²⁵ Let not thine heart decline to her
ways, go not astray in her paths.

²⁶ For she hath cast down many
wounded: yea, ^dmany strong *men* have
been slain by her.

²⁷ ^eHer house *is* the way to hell, going
down to the chambers of death.

CHAPTER 8

WISDOM IS BETTER THAN
RUBIES

Loth not ^fwisdom cry?
and understanding put
forth her voice?

² She standeth in the top
of high places, by the
way in the places of the paths.

³ She crieth at the gates, at the en-
try of the city, at the coming in at the
doors.

⁴ Unto you, O men, I call; and my
voice *is* to the sons of man.

⁵ O ye simple, understand wisdom:
and, ye fools, be ye of an understand-
ing heart.

7:1 ^ach. 2:1 7:2 ^fch. 4:4; Lev. 18:5; Isa. 55:3 ⁵Deut. 32:10

7:7 ^vch. 6:32; 9:4,16 7:9 ^wJob 24:15 7:11 ^xch. 9:13

^bPs. 12:2 7:23 ^cEcl. 9:12 7:26 ^dNeh. 13:26

7:3 ^lch. 3:3; 6:21; Deut. 6:8; 11:18 7:5 ^uch. 2:16; 5:3; 6:24

^v1 Tim. 5:13; Titus 2:5 7:16 ²Isa. 19:9 7:21 ^ach. 5:3

7:27 ^ech. 2:18; 5:5; 9:18 8:1 ^fch. 1:20; 9:3