

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

Title:

Entrance to the  
Underworld

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Scriptures:

Proverbs 7:1-27

**Theme:** Do not stray into the path of the forbidden woman or you will join a dead throng.

**Introduction:** In the Bible, *Sheol* is an underworld. It is the realm of the dead. It speaks to the reality that this world is not the end, and that those who die are themselves destined for something beyond. When we die, final judgment awaits, and eternal destinies are revealed. In the OT, *Sheol* is used to depict the state of the dead awaiting final judgment. In Prov 7, the father uses *Sheol* as a warning for his son.

The father has 3 primary messages for his son:

### 1. The right one will keep you from the wrong one (1-5)

The father again calls his son to marry Lady Wisdom—but the logic of his argument goes beyond marriage.

He tells his son that marrying the right woman will keep him from the wrong one. He also calls the son to pay attention to his words.

The son is the apple of his father's eye, reflecting him—and as we trust Jesus and keep his word central in our lives, we become more like him.

### 2. Here's a story to demonstrate it (6-23)

The father tells a story of a young man lacking sense who foolishly places himself in the way of temptation. His folly is not innocent—he is willfully flirting with sin.

But the father is watching, and knows all that is happening.

The father also sees the adulteress on the prowl. Her dress reveals her heart—she is out for prey. She seduces others in order to use them.

She is loud and leaves her home—she refuses to trust the Lord and to honor his will.

She seeks to accomplish her own desires. She is active and readily available.

She also takes the initiative toward the young man. She speaks of spiritual matters, but it is a cover for her sin. Often those in rebellion speak highly of their spirituality.

The foolish young man gives in because she has given him plausible cover for his sin.

She is giving him what he wanted.

### 3. Please do not destroy yourself (24-27)

The father pleads with the son to resist her strong seduction and to orient himself by the father's (true) words.

He tells his son that the adulteress' door actually opens on death itself. To open that door and enter is to join the mighty throng of the defeated dead.

If the son strays, he will have chosen rebellion against the Lord.

### Questions:

1. Parents, do you have a positive, biblical vision for sexuality? Do your children
2. Are you foolishly exposing yourself to sexual sin?
3. Are you honest about what you're choosing? Do you practice integrity?