

Prov 4:25-27 (NLT)

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I remember about ten years ago that my job sent me out to a conference 300 miles away, which I drove to. As I did, I went through areas of different cities that I had not been through in a long time. Some of the street names and cities brought back memories, most of them bad ones of the life I used to live before Jesus came into my life.

Well, one my way, as usual, I had to go to the bathroom and the questions was, what exit should I go off of to find a gas station or restaurant. Knowing the cities and the way they are, I decided to hold on for a long time, because even though in the past I would have jumped at the chance to sidetrack, I had no urge to be around the old lifestyle I used to be in. I eventual made it my destination, and even returned home much quicker.

But as I was driving home the Lord reminded me of how we are on a path to eternal life, heading towards heaven. As we go along in life, we have opportunities to veer off track and visit our old lifestyle. But you know that when you do, you find out how bad it really was, because in the past you were blinded by the darkness of the life that you were living. But now as a Christian, and having the light of Jesus in you, you see things for what they really are, and you discover that the life you used to live and thought was so great at the time, was really the most miserable time in your life that you ever had.

So I write this today to encourage you not to visit those old sins and sinful places, even out or curiosity, but rather stay on the straight and narrow path that leads to life.

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† **Proverbs 12:28 (NLT2)** *The way of the godly leads to life; that path does not lead to death.*

† **Psalm 16:11** *You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*