

## Paths: Proverbs 2

Think about a path cutting through a wooded area...

Think about a path up a steep hillside...

Think about a path across a broad plain...

How did the paths become paths?

Proverbs 2 is about paths. There are eleven references to one's path/way/course in life. There is encouragement along with warnings. So, what is Solomon teaching about paths?

By casual observation we know that a path is a path because there is no grass or other growth. If the path is in a rocky area, the sharp edges of the rocks become worn over time. A path becomes a path because it is used over and over and over.

A path is something that is *set in place*; it is *established*. Even when a path falls into disuse, it takes a while for the path to be restored to the growth patterns around it.

The path may have started as *a path of least*

*resistance* through a rough area. Once established, it certainly offers the least resistance.

Of the many things that Solomon writes about one's path, one thing is certain: Paths **are chosen**. A path may have developed by chance as a way of least resistance. Even then was a choice, whether by man or beast.

In life, some people wake up and find themselves on a path they do not like. Yet, it was chosen.

- Perhaps they acknowledge poor choices.
- Perhaps there were circumstances that suggested or seemed to offer no other choice.
- Perhaps it was simply the path of least resistance.

Whatever the case, every person is going along a path in life, and that path IS the one *chosen*.

Are you on a jagged, crooked and difficult path in life?

Is the path you walk leading you to the destination you desire?

The Proverbs can assist you in choosing and walking a better path, one with a good and joyful destination.

Sometimes it is difficult to change paths. Yet, you CAN *choose* a different path.

Choose wisely.

Choose LIFE.



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