

June 8 Answers

- 1) The wise sayings and proverbs of Solomon. Solomon's story of the seduction of the simple young man teaches us what to **do** and what to **avoid** in order to save ourselves from the "strange woman." First, we must **keep** God's words and **treasure** his commands (Prov 7:1–5). Next, we should **know** the streets and alleys that lead to her door and **stay away** from them. We should never think that we're a **match** for her, "for **many** a victim has she laid low" (Prov 7:26). Instead, we must listen to Lady Wisdom (Prov 8:5, 10). She invites us to **live** with her and **learn** her ways. Yet from across the way will always come the shrill cry of Dame Folly: "Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant!" (Prov 9:17). The choice is ours: will we cling to **wisdom** and live, or turn aside to **folly** and perish?