

Path – Steps – Way – Goal

Purpose: As we start the new year, we must ask ourselves what does God want me to achieve? What path do I take to get there and how do I know it is the right path?

Psalms 16:11 Thou wilt show me the **path** of life: in thy presence *is* fullness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

H734 - orah From H732; a well trodden *road* (literally or figuratively); also a *caravan*:—manner, path, race, rank, traveller, troop, [by-, high-] **way**.

Psalms 25:4 Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy **paths**. ⁵Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. ⁶Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old. ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD. ⁸Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the **way**. ⁹The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his **way**. ¹⁰All the **paths** of the LORD *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. ¹¹For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great. ¹²What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the **way** *that* he shall choose. ¹³His soul shall dwell at ease;

Psalms 27:11 Teach me thy **way**, O LORD, and lead me in a plain **path**, because of mine enemies. (H-734)

Psalms 119:35 Make me to go in the *path* of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. ³⁶Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. ³⁷Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way. ³⁸Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.

H5410 - derek - From an unused root meaning to *tramp*; a (beaten) *track*:—**path** ([*-way*]), X - travel [*-er*], **way**.

Psalms 119:105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my **path**. (H-5410)

Psalms 139:3-8 Thou compasses my **path** and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my **ways**. (H-734)

⁴For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but*, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

⁵Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

⁶*Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.

⁷Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

⁸If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.

Psalms 142:3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my **path**. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. (H-5410)

Proverbs 2:9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good **path**.

H4570 - *ma'gâl*- From the same as H5696; a *track* (literally or figuratively); also a *rampart* (as *circular*):—going, path, trench, way([-side]).

¹⁰When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; ¹¹Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: ¹²To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things; ¹³Who leave the **paths** of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴Who rejoice to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked; ¹⁵Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths: ¹⁶To deliver thee from the strange woman, *even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words; ¹⁷Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. ¹⁸For her house inclineth unto death, and her **paths** unto the dead. ¹⁹None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the **paths** of life. ²⁰That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the **paths** of the righteous. ²¹For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy **paths**.

⁷Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. ⁸It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

H1870 – *derek* - From H1869; a *road* (as *trodden*); figuratively a *course* of life or *mode* of action, often adverbially:—along, away, because of, + by, conversation, custom, [east-] ward, journey, manner, passenger, through, toward, [high-] [path-] **way** [-side], whither [-soever].

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Proverbs 4:11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right **paths**. ¹²When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. ¹³Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

¹⁴Enter not into the **path** of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*. ¹⁵Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away. ¹⁶For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall. ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸But the **path** of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. ¹⁹The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble. H-734

Proverbs 4:26 ²⁶Ponder the **path** of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. ²⁷Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil. (H- 4570 magal)

New Testament:

Matthew 3:3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the **way** of the Lord, make his **paths** straight.

G3598 - *hodós*, *hod-os'*; apparently a primary word; a road; by implication, a progress (the route, act or distance); figuratively, a mode or means:—journey, (high-)way.

G5147 - *tribos* (to “rub”; akin to *teiro* and *truo* and the base of G5131, G5134); a *rut* or worn *track*:—**path**.

Hebrews 12:13 And make straight **paths** for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. ¹⁴Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

G5163 - trochia - From G5164; a *track* (as a wheel *rut*), that is, (figuratively) a *course* of conduct:—**path**.

Way

Proverbs 5:21 For the **ways** of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings. ²²His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. ²³He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray. (1870)

Proverbs 7:25 Let not thine heart decline to her **ways**, go not astray in her **paths**. ²⁶For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong *men* have been slain by her. ²⁷Her house *is* the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death. (1870)

Proverbs 11:20 They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the LORD: but *such as are* upright in *their way are* his delight. (1870)

Proverbs 14:12 There is a **way** which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death. (1870)

Proverbs 15:19 The **way** of the slothful *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* made plain. (1870- 734)

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his **way**; but the LORD directeth his **steps**.

H6806 - tsa'ad - *tsah'-ad*- From H6804; a *pace* or regular *step*:—pace, **step**.

Proverbs 16:17 The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his **way** preserveth his soul. ¹⁸Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

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John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the **way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. ⁷If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

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New Testament:

1 Thes 3:11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our **way** unto you. ¹²And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you: ¹³To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. (G3598)

G4197 - poreia - From G4198; *travel* (by land); figuratively (plural) *proceedings*, that is, *career*:—journey [-ing], **ways**. Journey

Goal

Phil 3:13

¹³Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

¹⁴I press toward the **mark** for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

G4649 – skopos - (“scope”); From skeptomai (to *peer* about [“skeptic”]; perhaps akin to **G4626** through the idea of *concealment*; compare **G4629**); a *watch* (*sentry* or *scout*), that is, (by implication) a *goal*:—**mark**.

What is my goal?

Col 1:9-12 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual

understanding; ¹⁰***That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*** ¹¹Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

That’s my goal! Walk WORTHY!