

## 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**.<sup>5</sup> Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.<sup>6</sup> Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they *have been* ever of old. <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD. <sup>8</sup>Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the **way**. <sup>9</sup>The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his **way**. <sup>10</sup>All the **paths** of the LORD *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. <sup>11</sup>For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great. <sup>12</sup>What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the **way** *that* he shall choose. <sup>13</sup>His 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. <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. <sup>37</sup>Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy **way**. <sup>38</sup>Establish 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 compassest my **path** and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my **ways**. (H-734)

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

<sup>5</sup>Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

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

<sup>7</sup>Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

<sup>8</sup>If 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]).

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

<sup>7</sup>Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. <sup>8</sup>It 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].

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

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

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

**Proverbs 4:26** <sup>26</sup>Ponder the **path** of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. <sup>27</sup>Turn 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. <sup>14</sup>Follow 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. <sup>22</sup>His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins. <sup>23</sup>He 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**. <sup>26</sup>For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong *men* have been slain by her. <sup>27</sup>Her 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. <sup>18</sup>Pride *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. <sup>7</sup>If 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. <sup>12</sup>And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you: <sup>13</sup>To 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

<sup>13</sup>Brethren, 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,

<sup>14</sup>I 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; <sup>10</sup>***That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*** <sup>11</sup>Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

**That's my goal! Walk WORTHY!**