

# Proverbs Series

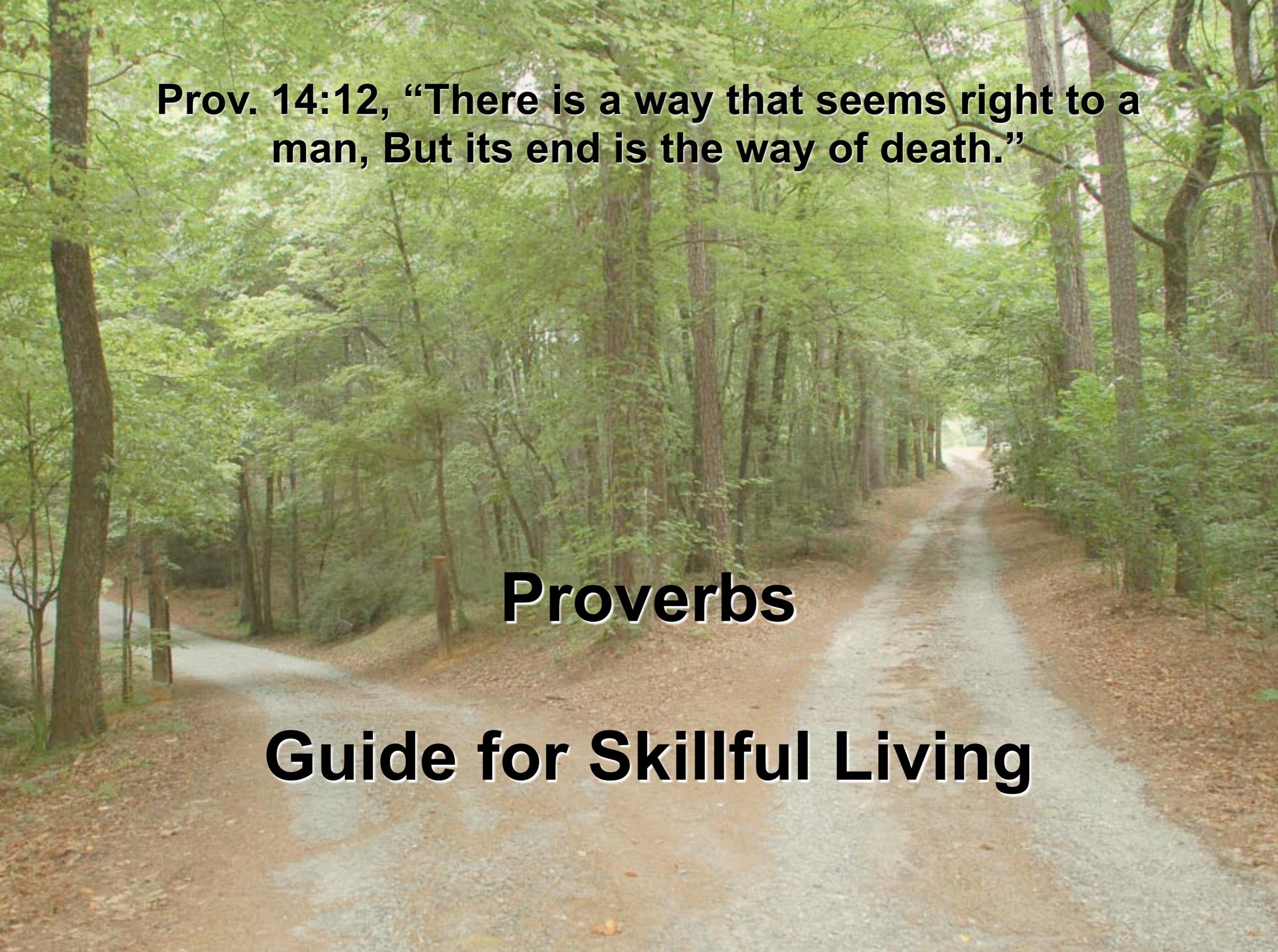
## Lesson #004

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A photograph of a gravel path in a forest. The path starts from the bottom center and splits into two paths that lead into the woods. The trees are tall and thin, with green leaves. The ground is covered with brown leaves and gravel.

**Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.”**

## **Proverbs**

# **Guide for Skillful Living**

**James 1:12, “Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.**

**James 1:13, “Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.**

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## **10 Lessons on Wisdom – Proverbs 1:8–9:18**

- 1. Challenge to listen to the father's guidance and reject the influence of your peers, 1:8–19**  
**Comment: Wisdom rebukes the simple, the naïve, the open minded, 1:20–33**
- 2. Protect yourself from the wicked, 2:1–22**
- 3. The promise of the Lord and the son's responsibility, 3:1–12**
- 4. The value of wisdom, 3:13–15**
- 5. The importance of following the path of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, 4:1–9**

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- 6. Instruction on how to run well, and seize life, and stay off the human viewpoint road, 4:10–19**
- 7. Warning against swerving from the right road, 4:20–27**
- 8. The emptiness of free sex; the wisdom of marriage, 5:1–23**

**Insight: Three patterns you don't want to imitate, 6:1–19**

**9. The high cost of a promiscuous wife, 6:20–35**

**10. The promiscuous wife's seductive tactics,  
7:1–27**

**Two closing appendices:**

**a. Wisdom's appeal to the open minded, 8:1–36**

**b. The conflict between the wise and the fools, 9:1–18**

**Prov. 1:8, “My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;**

**Prov. 1:9, “For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, and chains about your neck.”**

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**Prov. 1:13,**

**“We shall find all kinds of precious possessions,  
We shall fill our houses with spoil;”**

**The invitation, the enticement**

**Prov. 1:14, “Cast in your lot among us, Let us all have one purse”—**

## **Repetition of the Father's warning**

**Prov. 1:15,**

**“My son, do not walk in the way with them,  
Keep your foot from their path;”**

## **Explanation**

**Prov. 1:16,**

**“For their feet run to evil,  
And they make haste to shed blood.”**

## **The Folly of the Fool: Self-Destruction**

**Prov. 1:17, “Surely, in vain the net is spread  
In the sight of any bird;**

**Prov. 1:18, “But they lie in wait for their own blood,  
They lurk secretly for their own lives.”**

## **The Concluding Lesson:**

**Prov. 1:19, “So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain;  
It takes away the life of its owners.”**

