

**Don't Go Near
the Door!**

Proverbs 5: 3 For the lips of the adulterous woman
drip honey,

and her speech is smoother than oil;

4 but in the end she is bitter as gall,
sharp as a double-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death;

her steps lead straight to the grave.

6 She gives no thought to the way of life;

her paths wander aimlessly, but she does not
know it.

Proverbs 5: 7 Now then, my sons, listen to me;
do not turn aside from what I say.

8 Keep to a path far from her,
do not go near the door of her house...

James 1: 13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are **dragged away** by their own evil desire and **enticed**. 15 Then, after desire **has conceived**, it **gives birth** to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, **gives birth** to death.

The best way to avoid sin
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The Rule of the Forbidden Tree:

If you look at the Forbidden Tree long enough, you'll eventually eat the fruit.

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**Sin is conceived when temptation
takes hold of our will.**

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temptation
is to not deal with temptation.

What is more alluring?



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**Don't deal with the person, the
drug, or the situation.**

Deal with the door.

What is the door?

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**The door is neither the temptation
nor the sin.**

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The door is that which leads you to the temptation and the sin.

Genesis 4: 6 Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you **angry**? Why is your face **downcast**? **7** If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, **sin is crouching at your door**; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

John 12: 4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later **to betray him**, objected, 5 “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as **keeper of the money bag**, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

Avoiding the door:

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Always (x10) ask, “Is it wise for me to do what I’m about to do?”

Avoiding the door:

Don't just pray. Watch and pray.

Matthew 26: 41 “**Watch and pray** so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

1 Peter 5: 8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil **prowls around like a roaring lion** looking for someone to devour.



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The only time you should open
the door

is when you find yourself on the
inside and you need to let Jesus
in.

Revelation 3: 19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. **20** Here I am! **I stand at the door and knock.** If anyone hears my voice and **opens the door,** I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

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