

THE BEGINNER'S **GUIDE** TO PREDICTING ≡ YOUR ≡ **FUTURE**

PART 2: YOUR INTENTION PLEASE

INTRODUCTION

Nobody gets lost on purpose. But we often find ourselves in places we never intended. If there's a disconnect between what you hope to be true in the future and the direction you're headed now, maybe it's time to take a closer look at your path. Our directions, not our intentions, determine our destinations.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think about your favorite navigation app. If you were describing in simple terms to a new driver how to use that app, what three steps would you give them? How do those steps translate to the way we make decisions about where we go in life?
2. Sometimes what we consider a diversion is actually a path to a destination. Read together the parable of one young man who thought he was just taking a quick diversion.

Read Proverbs 7:6–9. How does the narrator's description of the young man help us predict where he's headed? What was the first mistake he made when he headed out?

Read Proverbs 7:21–23. The narrator compares the young man's fate to that of a trapped animal. Discuss how finding yourself on the wrong path feels similar to being trapped. How can defining your desired destination prevent you from being led into danger?

Read Proverbs 7:24–27. Identify all of the directional words in these verses. What is Solomon's specific warning? How does it apply to us today?

3. Are you currently living in the direction of the destination you desire? If not, what do you need to do to make a U-turn?
4. Choose one of the areas listed below:
 - Finances
 - Profession
 - Relationships
 - Spiritual Life
 - Morality

In one sentence, describe your intention for that area of your life.

5. What's currently holding you back from moving in that direction? For example:

Once _____ happens/works out, THEN I'll _____.

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6. What are two or three things you can do to put yourself on a path toward that desired destination? How can this group help you?

MOVING FORWARD

Direction will always trump intention. If you're willing to trade what seems easy and fun *now* for what will be satisfying *later*, you will arrive at your desired destination. After all, the path you choose makes all the difference.