

## Bible Quiz

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Proverbs 2:16

**The Protective Role of Wisdom:** This verse shows that wisdom can protect people from moral dangers, especially sexual temptations. "Adulteress" and "prostitute". **Symbolism:** This refers not only to actual sexual temptations, but also to various temptations that lead people away from the right path. "Adulteress" and "Tongue-in-cheek prostitute": These two words are often understood as metaphors to describe the evil forces that tempt people to stray from the right path.

Specifically, they may point to moral turpitude, such as infidelity or fornication. Literally, "adulteress" can refer to a woman who is not chaste, while "a flattering prostitute" emphasizes that she uses sweet words and seductive words to deceive people. In a broader symbolic sense, this may not be limited to sexual temptations, but can also represent anything that seeks to lead people astray from the right path, such as false teachings, sinful temptations, or rebellion against God's way of life. **The Dangers of "Rhetoric":** The scriptures warn us to be wary of seductive words with sweet words that can obscure real dangers. **Practical Applications of Intelligence:** Having wisdom means being able to discern right from wrong, make sound moral judgments, and remain firm in the face of temptation. **The Importance of Spiritual Growth:** This verse alludes to the importance of cultivating wisdom in maintaining one's moral and spiritual health.

"Witty harlots" in Proverbs 2:16. Here are a few examples and how they relate to the "rhetoric" in this verse.

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### Example 1: Deception in relationships

Scenario: A married man meets someone who has sweet words for him, and the other person tempts him to betray the marriage with beautiful words such as "You deserve a better life" or "We are destined").

Illustrate:

- The "rhetoric" here is reflected in the fact that the other party uses false promises and flattery to confuse the person and make him ignore the moral responsibility and consequences.
  - The metaphor of the "prostitute" points to the unfaithful and corrupt nature of this behavior, as it undermines the sanctity of marriage.
  - apothegm 2:16 The wisdom of the person is reminded to see the truth clearly and avoid falling into misery and destruction on the spur of the moment.
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### Example 2: False business inducements

Scenario: A scammer uses exaggerated language to sell "get rich quick" schemes, such as "you can easily make a lot of money with a little investment" and "everyone else is doing it, you don't want to miss it" to lure people into putting their money into the scam.

Illustrate:

- "Rhetoric" is a catchy phrase used by fraudsters to package lies, making people feel that the opportunity is rare and to be less vigilant.
  - The image of the "prostitute" symbolizes the false and dangerous nature of this temptation, as it can ultimately lead to the loss of wealth and even the impact of life.
  - Wisdom helps one to discern the truth from the falsehood of these words and to avoid being deceived by superficial benefits.
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### Example 3: Adverse social influences

Situation: A group of friends try to get someone to abandon their principles by encouraging them to try bad behaviors, such as drug or alcohol abuse, saying "it's no big deal to try once" and "life is all about enjoyment".

Illustrate:

- "Rhetoric" is when these friends use light-hearted, seductive words to cover up the danger of their behavior, making people feel harmless in violating their principles.
- The metaphor of the "prostitute" points to the corrupting effects of this temptation, which can lead to self-destruction.

- The wisdom in Proverbs teaches one to stay away from such companions and to remain sober and upright.

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### Broader symbolism

In the biblical context, "rhetorical prostitutes" are sometimes interpreted as pagan beliefs or false teachers who use charming rhetoric to lure people away from their loyalty to God. For example, in the Old Testament, the Israelites were often drawn to pagan idolatry, which was often filled with sensual pleasures and false promises of peace, which could also be seen as a temptation for "rhetoric."

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### summary

The "rhetorical prostitute" is embodied as any temptation to disguise its dangerous nature with sweet words, false promises, or superficial appeal. Proverbs 2:16 emphasizes the protective role of wisdom in enabling people to see through these "rhetoric" for what they really are and avoid falling into traps. Whether emotional, material, or moral, wisdom can help one stay sober and on the right path.

### We pray

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for each day and thank you for giving us wisdom and guidance. Today, we come to You and plead with You for your protection and help, especially in this world of temptation and challenge.

Lord, we know that there are many temptations and temptations in the world, like harlots and tongue-loving harlots, who are always trying to lead us astray from Your ways. Help us to distinguish between truth and falsehood, and give us enough wisdom to recognize the temptations that seem good but can actually ruin our lives.

Heavenly Father, we ask You to protect our hearts and minds from all uncleanness and unpleasing influences. Give us a firm heart and a holy heart to keep us away from relationships and temptations that can pull us away from Your will. Help us to remain faithful and loving to You at all times and in all places.

We are willing to surrender our hearts to You and ask You to guide us in Your truth. Whether in our feelings, thoughts, or actions, we are willing to live out Your holiness and righteousness and to turn away from everything that turns our hearts away from You.

In the holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray,

Amen.