

Front Porch Wisdom – The Unwise Simpleton  
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Proverbs 7:6-23

P.T. Barnum: “A sucker is born every minute.”

1. In our youth we all have a simple sense of gullibility

*“I looked through my lattice, And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, a young man devoid of understanding” Proverbs 7:6b & 7*

*“The simple believes every word, but the prudent considers well his steps.”  
Proverbs 14:15*

2. Without wisdom we can be led into destructive behavior

*“Come, let us take our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with love.  
For my husband is not at home; He has gone on a long journey”*

Proverbs 7:18-19

*With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, with her flattering lips she  
seduced him.” Proverbs 7:21*

3. There is a high cost to be paid by the unwise simpleton

*“Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it would cost his life. Now therefore, listen to me, my children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth: Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths; For she has cast down many wounded, And all who were slain by her were strong men. Her house is the way to hell...”*

Proverbs 7:22-26 & 27a