

# Proverbs 10:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

## Analysis

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Integrity provides confident security, while perversion leads to exposure and shame. Walking uprightly means transparency before God and others—nothing to hide or fear being revealed. The perverse person's crookedness will eventually be known, demonstrating that secret sin becomes public shame.

## Historical Context

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City gates served as courts where hidden matters were exposed and judged. The upright could confidently face public scrutiny, while the perverse dreaded the day of reckoning.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What areas of your life would you fear being made public, indicating lack of integrity?
2. How can you cultivate greater transparency and uprightness in all relationships?

## Interlinear Text

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walketh	uprightly	walketh	surely	but he that perverteth	his ways
H1980	H8537	H1980	H983	H6140	H1870
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 28:18** (Parallel theme): Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

**Matthew 10:26** (Parallel theme): Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

**1 Timothy 5:25** (Parallel theme): Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

**Psalms 84:11** (Parallel theme): For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

**1 Corinthians 4:5** (Parallel theme): Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

**Psalms 25:21** (Parallel theme): Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

**Psalms 23:4** (Parallel theme): Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**Proverbs 17:20** (Parallel theme): He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

**Proverbs 3:23** (Parallel theme): Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

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