

# Proverbs 7:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

## Analysis

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A woman meets him dressed as a prostitute with crafty heart. The Hebrew 'tavnith' (attire/adornment) and 'natsar lev' (guarded/crafty heart) describe calculated seduction. External presentation and internal calculation combine for entrapment. This woman isn't accidentally tempting but deliberately predatory. The seducer studies prey, plans approach, calculates strategy. Temptation is often sophisticated attack, not random accident.

## Historical Context

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Ancient prostitution involved distinctive dress codes enabling identification. The 'crafty heart' reveals that this isn't economic necessity but malicious intent. Some commit sexual sin from desperation; others from predatory calculation. The distinction matters - Proverbs here warns about deliberate seducers who study vulnerabilities and exploit them strategically.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How can you recognize when you're being deliberately targeted rather than randomly tempted?
2. What vulnerabilities might predatory people or influences be studying to exploit?
3. How does awareness of calculated spiritual attack affect your defensive strategy?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהָיָה הָאִשָּׁה לְקָדָת וּשְׂיָהּ זֶה וְזֶה				
H2009	him a woman	And behold there met	with the attire	of an harlot
	H802	H7125	H7897	H2181
וְנָצַח לִבָּהּ				
and subtil	of heart			
H5341	H3820			

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Timothy 2:9** (Parallel theme): In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

**Jeremiah 4:30** (Parallel theme): And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

**2 Kings 9:30** (Parallel theme): And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.