

“Wisdom Resists Sinners’ Enticement”

Proverbs 1:10-19

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God has given us a great promise concerning temptation in 1 Corinthians 10:13. Part of “the way of escape” God has provided for us is in the book of Proverbs.

We face temptations from within and without. Our verses tonight are about resisting temptation from without (from family, friends, fellow workers, fellow students, TV, billboards, etc.)

*Question: What are some temptations that come from our family, friends, fellow workers, TV, etc.?*

Outline by John Philips:

1. The Proposals of Sinful Man – 10-14

A. The Invitation – 10-11a

v. 10 “entice you”=the Hebrew word is saying something like this, “when those seasoned in sin use every trick of their trade to pull you into their path...”

- Solomon warns of the attraction of the sinner’s ways (10-14)
- Solomon describes the destruction that joining with them brings (15-19)

*Question: Can you think of a person in the Bible who resisted temptation from someone around him or her?*

B. The Incitement – 11b-13

1. The Murder Proposition – 11b-12

v. 12 “Sheol” – the Hebrew word has a wide range of meanings: death, grave, Hell, the world after death. Here it refers to the grave.

“swallow them alive”=they will hit their unsuspecting victim like an earthquake (before he has the opportunity to defend himself and retaliate)

2. The Money Proposition – 13

C. The Inadvisable – 14

v. 14 “one purse”=the gullible don’t think about the fact that if the people urging them to do it are willing to kill someone to get the money, they’ll be willing to kill you to make their share larger.

2. The Perils of the Sinful Man – 15-19

A. A Word of Warning – 15-16

“4 Grave Dangers in Every Sin” from a blog by Tim Challies on Feb. 12, 2021 (*challies.com*)

Consequences of sin for the believer:

- The Danger of Becoming Hardened
- The Danger of Divine Correction / Discipline
- The Danger of Eternal Destruction

B. A Word of Wisdom – 17-19

1. Illustration – 17

Lesson: Not only is the way of sinners wrong – it is stupid

2. Observation – 18

What the sinful and violent plot for others (v. 11) becomes their own undoing. The trap they set for others they spring on themselves.

3. Application – 19

We need to be aware that even though we haven't acted in violence and greed we have secretly nurtured a covetous heart. Our hearts often enjoy greed and evil desires – James 1:14-15.

Therefore, remember Matthew 6:33 and Philippians 4:19