

THE ENTICEMENT OF SINNERS

(Proverbs 1:8-19)

INTRODUCTION:

A. The purpose of the book of Proverbs

1. (Proverbs 1:1-7)

B. Defining the word wisdom

1. What is wisdom? Making wise, correct decision choices in life
 - a. It is wisdom from above (James 3:13-18)
 - b. This wisdom comes from God (Proverbs 2:1-7-12)

C. Our attitude

1. Willing to listen, to learn (Psalm 24:4-5)
2. Self center, stubborn, no understanding (Psalm 32:8-9)

I. THE WISDOM OF YOUR PARENTS (1:8, 9)

A. Their knowledge...

1. They will offer instruction and the direction you should go, this instruction comes from God (Deut. 6:5-7)
2. Your parents know better than anyone, they see or saw you grow, they know your personality or character. They know how to respond and provide you with good counsel in time of a crisis, for their advice is better than anyone else, better than friends or teachers.
3. Their instruction should be based upon the word of God; it is not only by word of mouth instruction, but also by our very own example in times of adversity and crisis. This is the best time to instruct our young ones about God.
4. Instruction and guidance from parents in the beginning may be somewhat irrelevant, non-attractive and burdensome. Later in life, when our so called "friends" are in trouble and in difficulties because of an un-wise decision then, the young will appreciate the instruction of their parents.

B. They have experience and wisdom

1. They have been there! Believe it or not they were also young and inexperienced once in their lives as well. They have fallen down and gotten up, they have scars from life!
2. Just like the experience past down by way of instruction from the apostle Paul to the young preacher Timothy
 - a. Flee from youthful lust
 - b. Do not be timid
 - c. For Timothy not to be ashamed
3. Their wisdom may come from their previous parents
 - a. Notice in the case of Solomon, David his father gave him this sound teaching (Proverbs 4)

II. YOUR PARENT'S WARNING ABOUT EVIL COMPANIONS (1:10-19)

A. Notice the preventive instruction of the father

1. The father's advice, "If sinners entice you, do not consent..." Basically, what the author is saying is if the sinners lure you, charm you...do not consent (go-ahead, or approve)
 - a. Example of enticement: fishing trip, you entice the fish to bite your bait (shiny lure)

2. Do not! Especially when this enticement is to do with doing evil (**Genesis 39: 7-9**)
3. We understand that this example in our text has to do with murder and robbery but the principle still holds true today to all kinds of sinful actions.
4. Do not walk with them
 - a. Stay away from such...they are quick to do evil (**Proverbs 1:15-16**)
 - b. Their efforts will be in vain, useless (**Proverbs 1:17**)
 - c. They will pay with their own lives (**Proverbs 1:18-19**)

III. THEIR WAY OF ENTICEMENT

A. This evil companions will try to persuade you through enticement

1. Like the serpent tempted Eve, sinful friends will appeal to:
 - a. The lust of the flesh (good for food); the lust of the eyes (pleasant to the eyes) and the pride of life (desirable to make one wise) – (**Genesis 3:6**)
 - b. The evil companion will offer the young:
 - 1) Power (**Proverbs 1:11, 12**)
 - 2) Riches without work (**1:13**)
 - 3) An association with the group (**1:14**)
 - (a) Usually no young man wants to be different from others, and does not want to be left out. There is a sense of belonging to something.
 - (b) In a group there is peer pressure, and the young man wants to be identified as one of the group.

B. Evil companions ignore the cost of sin

1. Sin will destroy those who possess it
2. Sin will expose those who continue in it
 - a. "Sin will find you" – (**Numbers 32:23**)
 - b. Sin usually carries a consequence:
 - 1) Addiction (drugs)
 - 2) Disease (Sexually transmitted disease)
 - 3) Unwanted pregnancy, jail, etc
3. Examples: (**Genesis 19:30-38**) Lot's daughters, (**2 Samuel 13:1-15**) Amnon's "friend" Jonadab

IV. CONCLUDING STATEMENTS

A. The two ways are contrasted; the wisdom the parents offer is much better than the wicked friends

1. Their instruction and teaching will be an graceful wreath in your head and ornament around your neck (**Proverbs 1:9**)
2. Wisdom, this instruction and teaching from parents will be evident to those around you. It is something to be proud of.
3. Everybody will see the prudent and well behave of the young one and will give him praise and their parents for such attitude.

B. On the other hand the end of the wicked companions is death (Proverbs 1:15-19**)**

1. Consider the end result of Amnon (**2 Samuel 13:28-32**)
2. After all, notice who deserve the second death (**Rev. 21:8**)

CONCLUSION:

- A. Our responsibility to our children**
- B. The children's responsibility**