

Wisdom When Facing Peer Pressure

Proverbs: Wisdom For Daily Life

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Introduction

Proverbs 1:10-19 - Warning Against Enticement

My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them. ¹¹ If they say, "Come along with us; let's lie in wait for innocent blood, let's ambush some harmless soul; ¹² let's swallow them alive, like the grave, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; ¹³ we will get all sorts of valuable things and fill our houses with plunder; ¹⁴ cast lots with us; we will all share the loot"—¹⁵ my son, do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths; ¹⁶ for their feet rush into evil, they are swift to shed blood. ¹⁷ How useless to spread a net where every bird can see it! ¹⁸ These men lie in wait for their own blood; they ambush only themselves! ¹⁹ Such are the paths of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the life of those who get it.

Main Idea: When facing peer pressure, wisdom will follow God's will instead of following along.

4 Ways To Follow God's Will

Instead of Following Along

1. Choose your friends wisely.

The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray. Prov. 12:26

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. Prov. 13:20

2. Expect enticements along your life journey.

...if sinful men entice you...if they say "Come along with us..." Prov. 1:10-11

3. Take the warnings very seriously.

...lie in wait for their own blood...they ambush only themselves...it takes away the life of those who get it. Prov. 1:18-19

4. Have the courage and conviction to walk away even when it's hard.

...if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them...do not go along with them...do not set foot on their paths. Prov. 1:10, 15