

If Sinners Entice You...

Proverbs 1:8-19

PARENTS

Remember your parents' wise instructions

1. Hear, **my son**, your father's instruction, and
2. do not forsake your mother's teaching;
Indeed, they are
a) a graceful **wreath** to your head, and
b) **ornaments** about your neck.

Hear

This path leaves you decorated

Decorations around your neck

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PEERS

Reject your peers wicked proposals

My son,
if sinners entice you, do not consent.
If they say,
1) **Come with us,**
2) Let us lie in wait for blood,
3) Let us ambush the innocent without cause;
4) Let us swallow them alive like Sheol,
Even whole, as those who go down to the pit;
5) We shall find all kinds of precious wealth,
6) We shall fill our houses with spoil;
7) **Throw in your lot with us,**
8) We shall all have one purse,

Ambush

The Pitch

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PERILS

Recognize their path's wretched peril

My son,
1. do not walk in the way **with them.**
2. Keep your feet from their path,
For their feet run to evil, and they hasten to shed blood.
Indeed, it is useless to spread the net in the eyes of any bird;
a) But they lie in wait for their own blood;
b) They ambush their own lives.
SO ARE THE WAYS OF EVERYONE WHO GAINS BY VIOLENCE;
IT TAKES AWAY THE LIFE OF ITS POSSESSORS.

Violence

The Reality

A noose around your neck

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This path leaves you dead