

Parents, Son And Scoundrels

Proverbs 1:8-19

Natural for parents to save baby from danger

- Mother elephant . . . from pride
- Mother elephant . . . from crocodile
- Mother mouse . . . from snake
- Mother and father from scoundrels
(Proverbs 1)

I. The Setting (8-10)

Hear, 8

- Good listening is learned behavior.
- Three fatal mistakes –
 1. Do not listen.
 2. Listen but disregard.
 3. Listen, regard, but fail to act (as Solomon).

Do not forsake, 8

- Parents must be . . .
 1. United.
 2. Unmoved.
 3. Unshaken, unruffled, undeterred.

Parental discipline / laws, 9

- The fairest ornament
 - Gn.41:42, Joseph
 - Dn.5:29, Daniel

Sinners love company, 10

- Rebels: men to whom sin has become a habit (K-D). Gn.13:13
- Satan cannot make you sin.
 - 1 Co.10:13
 - Ja.4:7

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II. The Son

God gave us parents for a reason

Good parents warn (8b)

1. False advertising. Prov.16:29.
 - a. Deceived by society. 1 Jn.5:19.
 - b. Deceived by self. Prov.14:12.
2. Flattery attacks. Prov.7:21 (Dn.6:7).
3. Filthy aims. Prov.7:21-23.
4. Fake apostles. Prov.14:5.
[2 Co.11:13-15; Ro.16:18]

God gave us ears to listen

'The next best thing to being wise oneself is to live in a circle of those who are'

The lie: parents are old fogies, out of touch, do not understand...

1. Wise men, 1:5

2. Son, 1:8

Living in a fog

1. **Danger:** need guidance.
2. **Defense:** parents guide children because they have experience on road of life.
3. **Disaster:** to ignore parental 'lights' is to miss mark (don't make it home).
4. **Detour:** children who follow other young people don't make it.

Prov.1:15; 2:12-13; 13:20, etc.

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III. The Seduction (10-14)

If sinners entice you... 10

Easily deceived, simple, be persuaded...

1. Samson's wife, Jg.14:15

2. Delilah, Jg.16:5

3. Ahab, 1 K.22:20-22

Sinners want acceptance

Form gangs; turn from parents to peers

People do things in a group they will not do alone

1. 10: 'don't be willing'
2. 11: 'come with us' ... 'thrill of kill'
3. 12: playing God without morals
4. 13: get rich quick (Mt.6:24)
5. 14: comradery

How to identify the wrong crowd

1. Things they think are funny.
2. Impure speech.
3. No respect for God / sacred things.
4. Daredevil, reckless spirit.
5. Vandalism or theft.
6. Smoking, drinking, drugs...
7. Immodest dress.

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III. The Seduction (10-14)

IV. The Success –
Steadfast Endurance (15-19)

15-16: keep your foot

- Turn foot away from their path
 - Joseph ran for his life, Gn.39
 - Amnon surrendered, 2 Sm.13
- Ep.5:11
 - Only safety: emphatic negative
 - Satan tries again, Lk.4:13
(Mt.16:23)

17-19: Sinners allure; parents alarm

- Silly bird cannot see death trap?
(7:23)

'Before strongly desiring anything,
look carefully into the happiness
of its present owner.'

- National suicide
 - Churches... (Rv.3)
 - Christians... (Mk.6; Mk.10)

- 'Serving God requires nothing but that which will elevate you, and forbids nothing except that which will debase you' – Grubbs
- 'If I may be instrumental to make my readers wise and good, wiser and better and more in love with God and His word, I have all I desire, all I aim at' – Henry