

Message #6

Proverbs 1:10-19

NO MATTER HOW ENTICING MAKING ILLEGAL MONEY MAY APPEAR TO BE, A WISE PERSON WILL THINK OF THE SEVERE CONSEQUENCES AND REFUSE TO GET INVOLVED.

What Solomon is practically saying is a wise person will stay far away from the criminal element.

It is important to recognize that there is accountability to society; but there is more of an accountability to God!

WISDOM POINT #1 – A wise son will not give in to the seductive approach of evil people.
1:10

The word “sinners” is an archery term which means to miss the mark. This particular Hebrew word is called an emphatic plural which stresses that these people who do the enticing are habitual sinners. Their continual lifestyle and pattern is one that misses the mark of God and His Word.

The word “entice” means to open or loose. This particular verb form is called the Piel form, which adds intensity. The point Solomon is emphasizing is that there is a real, intense, seductive, persuasive attempt to lure the young person to make money through crime. Solomon firmly says **you do not give in, you do not consent.**

It seems that a real key to deciphering the seduction is the character of the person.

WISDOM POINT #2 – A wise son will not give in to the blatant approach of evil people.
1:11-15

The second “if” clause which begins **verse 11** introduces another type of tactic or approach. The Hebrew verb “Come” has a ring of excitement to it. There is a real emotional surge prior to a crime, a real rush.

The phrase “let us lie in wait for blood” (**1:11**) speaks of a plan to ambush a victim and murder him for money. The next clause “let us ambush the innocent without cause” indicates that this particular person has done nothing at all to offend these robbers.

Verse 12 indicates that these brutal murderers made themselves judge and jury over the victim.

Verse 13 gives the reason for all of this ruthless action—to get rich!

Verse 14 presents the lure—we will split a huge pot, a huge take.

These evil beasts know that within the soul of even a good young man is a spirit of greed. According to God, the only wise way to get money is through diligent work (10:4; 12:24; 14:23; 20:13). A major key to wisdom is to avoid godless people (4:14-18).

WISDOM POINT #3 – A wise son will recognize the direction and outcome of the evil life.
1:16-19

Seducers always make sin look as good as possible, but they **never** tell you the consequences.

Four reasons why a wise person will never hook up with these kinds of people:

(Reason #1) - Because of their direction. **1:16a**

Their direction of life is into evil. This is a different word from **verse 10** “sinners” which refers to wicked, hurtful evil.

(Reason #2) - Because of their actions. **1:16b**

These kinds of people are quick to kill.

(Reason #3) - Because of their ignorance. **1:17**

This verse has been interpreted two ways:

- 1) The bird spots the trap and avoids it.
- 2) The bird spots the trap and flies into it anyway.

These evil people do not have as much sense as a bird.

(Reason #4) - Because of their doom. **1:18-19**

Evil people are heading to their own destruction.

Crime is big business. It does pay, but what a payment—**the judgment of God**.

Young person, no matter how enticing things may appear, do not give in to any illegal method of earning money. There will be severe consequences in this life and fearfully in the next.