



- ¹⁰ My son, if sinners entice you,
Do not consent.
¹¹ If they say, “Come with us,
Let us lie in wait to shed blood;
Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;
¹² Let us swallow them alive like Sheol,
And whole, like those who go down to the Pit;
¹³ We shall find all kinds of precious possessions,
We shall fill our houses with spoil;
¹⁴ Cast in your lot among us,
Let us all have one purse”—
¹⁵ My son, do not walk in the way with them,
Keep your foot from their path;
¹⁶ For their feet run to evil,
And they make haste to shed blood.
¹⁷ Surely, in vain the net is spread
In the sight of any bird;
¹⁸ But they lie in wait for their own blood,
They lurk secretly for their own lives.
¹⁹ So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain;
It takes away the life of its owners.

Pastor leads his family in a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these ten verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us to resist the lies that we can get away with sin, that sin is worth it, or that sin puts us in good company.

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Proverbs chapter 1 verses 10 through 19. These are God's words. My son If sinner is entice, you do not consent. If they say come with us, let us lie and wait to shed blood. Let us look secretly for the innocent without cause let us swallow them. A lie of like sheol and whole like those who go down to the pit, We shall find all kinds of precious possessions.

We shall fill our houses. With spoil cast in your lot. Among us. Let us all have one purse. My son, do not walk in the way with them. Keep your foot from their path, for their feet, to run to evil, and they make haste to shed, blood. Surely in vain.

The net is spread in the sight of any bird but they lie in wait for their own blood. They look secretly for their own lives. So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life of its owners So far the reading of God's inspired and inerant word.

Notice your children that there are many ways that not just sin appeals to us, not just sin appeals to us. But sinners appeal to us many ways that people who are not committed out of love for God to keep the law of God, will try to convince you. That it is not only okay, but even good, and desirable and you'd have to be crazy, not to bend the rules a little bit here.

And there break the law of the Lord. And three of these ways that they try to entice you is by the power that you can get by the treasure that you can get. And by the fellowship that you can have, they say, let us lie and wait to shed.

Blood Lewis alert secretly for the innocent without cause let us swallow them alive, like she'll and whole like those. Go down to the pit. In other words, we can get away with it. We can do it, They can't stop us. We'll just swallow them up. It's something you're able to do and able to get away with.

That's that's one thing we won't get caught. It's no big deal. Nothing. Bad will happen to us. Etc. That's the big one that gets insert in the, the correction in versus 15 through 19. Is that the second thing that people will say about sin? And the reason they're saying in about sin is because sin says it to us, as well, our own fleshly hearts say I can get away with it.

Now, you know how you started out in this life and if you thought mom or dad were not looking or other people, we're not looking and perhaps, you still feel and think like that. Now you think that you can get away with it, do you think that you can accomplish what it is that that you want to do The other?

The second thing first thing that they entice you with, is your power to commit sin? Second thing is the treasure. You can have by committing the sin that's in verse 13. We shall find all kinds of precious possessions. We shall fill our houses with spoil. So the first lie about sin that you have to watch out for so that you can say, haha, that's a lie.

Well, first lie was the power that you have. I can get away with it. The second lie was the treasure. You can get. It's worth it. There's the second line. So, first lie was I can get away with it. Second law was it's not worth it but they they that's the lie, right?

We shall find all kinds of precious possessions. We shall fill our houses with spoil, okay? So it's worth it. It's never worth it to sin. Well, we'll get to that in a moment but that's the second line. The third lie was everybody's doing it or the fellowship that you can have by it cast in your lot.

Among us. Let us all have one burse. Well whatever wicked person says let us all have. One purse is saying that because he intends to carry the purse, right? That does remind you doesn't it even of Judas, but it sounds so good. We'll have we'll have fellowship in this.

This is very appealing especially when people do not have the kind of fellowship that they ought to have in their families. And they do not have the kind of fellowship that they ought to have in their churches and the world has. So few proper families and churches that there's not proper fellowship in communities.

And so people are isolated and alone and they want to fit in the desire to fit in as one of the. One of the things that can lead you astray entice, you into sinning, especially if people start to reason that everybody's doing it. So those are three of the big lies by which others, or even your own flesh can entice you to sin, we can get away with it.

It's worth it. Everybody's doing it. You have the power to do it. We can get treasure by it and you can have fellowship in it. Well, the kind father here, the godly father here and God the Holy Spirit addressing us by his words. So my son, do not walk in the way with them.

Keep your foot from their path. Says, don't be stupider than birds. Okay. A bird and for the bird watches, you set the trap. It will not fly down into it. Is what's solemn is saying but these people they know better. Just like, Romans chapter 1. Tells us that they have the not just the knowledge of God in their hearts, but that they know, in their hearts, the righteous law of God and that those who do such things deserve death.

We all know what is right and wrong. We all know that God's wrath is against sin. And yet we are willing to listen to lies because of our sinful nature, or the remaining sin from our former nature. If you're a believer, can only have one nature at a time, but that remaining sin that remaining fleshlessness is very strong.

And that fleshlessness makes us willing to believe the lies even though we know better. Someone who does that is stupider than the bird, who sees a person lay the lay the net and or the trap, and then flies right down into it to get trapped. So he says, surely in vain the net to spread in the sight of any bird, but they that is the sinners.

Who are enticing? They lie in wait for their own blood. The alert secretly for their own lives, okay? So you don't get away with it because, you know, God, you know, his law, you know what the sin deserves and you're gonna do it anyway. Can we really be so foolish?

Of course, we can or else those passage wouldn't be here and we wouldn't need it. And so we need to rebuke ourselves when we're tempted to think I can get away with it or when we're tempted to think it's worth it. Or we're when we're tempted to think we can have real fellowship by means of it.

So don't be a fool. Don't lie in. Wait for your own blood. Rebuke yourself, you can't get away with it. So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain verse 19, it takes away the life of its owners. You will lose everything by sin and gain nothing.

You're not getting friends. You're not getting fellowship. One lie. People tell them themselves is. Oh, you know, at least if I'm in hell, I'll be done there with all the people who have fun. Well, a you will be in the immediate presence of the glory of God, continually forever, exercising, his fury upon you, and B now, with all restraint of wickedness removed, If you do have any interaction with anyone else you will all be wicked as demons hating, and being hated.

And so there will be nothing but continual misery and murderousness on the horizontal level, but that won't matter at all by comparison to receiving forever, the fiery wrath from the presence of God. And from his glory like second Thessalonians, one tells us, there's nothing nothing ever to be gained by sin.

You can never get away with it. Don't let sinners entice. You and don't be such a fool that you entice yourself. Rebuke yourself, whatever you start to think that way, Lord help, all of us to do that until we come at last and what Christ is one for us and we don't have this battle against our sinfulness anymore because there will be no more sinfulness against which to battle.

Amen. Let's spray. Our Father in heaven, we ask that you would help us by your Holy Spirit to live with eyes wide. Open, that we would not set snares for ourselves or allow ourselves to be enticed, either by other sinners or our own remaining. Sinfulness that we will not fall for the lies that we can get away with it or that we that or that is worth it or that we can have fellowship in it and everyone's doing it.

Help us with God to resist those things to stay out of those pat, the paths that those lies temp to people into. So that we will not run to our own destruction, help us, Lord to see that Christ has all power in himself for that which is right and that he cannot fail.

Help us to see that. He is infinitely worth it. And that that the treasure that we have in him is ultimately, especially the fellowship that we have not only with one another. But indeed, our fellowship is with you. O God and your son Jesus Christ, by the ministry of your Spirit.

Help us. We pray to these truths that put to shame the lies and expose them for. We ask it in Christ's name amen.