

The Call of the Wrong Crowd

God's Revolutionary Wisdom (Part 7)

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Introduction

- ¹⁰ My son, if sinners try to entice you,
Do not be willing.
- ¹¹ If they say to you, "Do walk with us!
Let's lie in ambush for blood!
Let's lurk hidden for the innocent, for no
reason!
- ¹² "Let's swallow them like Sheol, alive;
And whole, like those going down to the
Pit!
- ¹³ "All priceless wealth shall we find,
we shall fill our houses with spoil!
- ¹⁴ "Your lot shall you cast amongst us;
One purse shall be for all of us."
- ¹⁵ My son, do not walk in the way with them!
Withhold your foot from their pathway;
- ¹⁶ For their feet – to evil they run;
And they hasten to shed blood.
- ¹⁷ Because for no reason a net is spread out¹
In the sight² of any bird;³
- ¹⁸ But they – for their own blood do they lie in
ambush!
They lurk hidden for their own souls!
- ¹⁹ Thus are the paths of everyone plundering
plunder:⁴
The soul of its owner, it takes!
(Proverbs 1:10-19 DJP)

I. Summary Warning (1:10)

A. Shape

B. Relationship to What Follows

C. Specifics

1. "My son... sinners"
2. "Try to entice"
3. "Do not be willing"

D. Significance

1. **First:** Be...
2. **Second:** Make your point...

¹ Very literally, "Because for no reason is spread out a net."

² Literally "eyes."

³ Literally "owner of a wing."

⁴ Or both more literally and more colloquially, "every rip-off artist," or "everyone cutting *his* 'cut.'"

3. **Third:** Prevent...

II. Hearing the Enticement: What _____ (1:11-14)

A. The Appeal

1. Join

2. Commit

3. Share

B. *Behind the Appeal*

1. Behind the appeal to *join*

2. Behind the appeal to *commit*

3. Behind the appeal to *share*

C. *Beneath the Appeal*

III. Resisting the Enticement: What _____ (1:15-19)

A. The Clear Directive (v. 15)

B. The Reasons (vv. 16-18)

Gen. 2:9, 17; 6:5; 13:13

Genesis 4:10; 9:5-6

Numbers 35:33

C. The Principle (v. 19)