



# “DON’T GIVE IN TO SIN; BEWARE OF THE SNARE”

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PROVERBS 1:8-19 BIBLE STUDY

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## CONTEXT THE PURPOSE OF PROVERBS



- The proverbs of Solomon, **son of David**, king of Israel (Pr 1:1, AT)



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2 To learn wisdom and **discipline** [ מוֹסָר | *mûsār*],

To understand words of insight;

3 To acquire the **discipline** [ מוֹסָר | *mûsār*] of good judgment,  
righteousness, justice, and fairness;

4 To give prudence to the **naïve**,

knowledge and discretion to the **young**;

(Pr 1:2-4, AT)



## CONTEXT THE PURPOSE OF PROVERBS



- 5 The wise will listen and increase in learning,  
the one who understands will get guidance;
- 6 To understand proverb and parable,  
the sayings of the wise and their riddles.

(Pr 1:5-6, AT)



## CONTEXT THE PURPOSE OF PROVERBS



The fear of the LORD [YHWH] is the beginning of knowledge,  
but wisdom and **discipline** [ מוֹסָר | *mûsār*] fools despise.

(Pr 1:7, AT)



PROVERBS 1:8  
LISTEN TO  
FATHERLY INSTRUCTION



- Listen, my son, to the **discipline** [ מוּסָר | *mûsār*] of your father, (Pr 1:8a, AT)



## PROVERBS 1:8 LISTEN TO FATHERLY INSTRUCTION



- 1 These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD [YHWH] your God **directed me to teach you** to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, 2 so that **you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD [YHWH]** your God as long as you live **by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you**, and so that you may enjoy long life. 3 **Hear** [שָׁמָע | *šāma* '], Israel, and **be careful to obey** so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD [YHWH], the God of your ancestors, promised you. (Dt 6:1-3, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:8  
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FATHERLY INSTRUCTION



- **4 Listen** [שָׁמַע | *šāma* ], O Israel! The LORD [YHWH] is our God, the LORD [YHWH] alone. **5 Love** the LORD [YHWH] your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Dt 6:4-5, AT)



PROVERBS 1:8  
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- These words that I am commanding you today are to be upon your heart. (Dt 6:6, AT)



PROVERBS 1:8  
LISTEN TO  
FATHERLY INSTRUCTION



- 1 **My son**, do not forget my teaching,  
but **keep my commands in your heart**,
- 2 for they will prolong your life many years  
and bring you peace and prosperity.
- 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you;  
bind them around your neck, **write them on the tablet of your heart.**
- (Pr 3:1-3, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:8  
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- **7 Repeat** them to your children. And **talk** about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **8** And bind them as a sign on your **hand**, and let them be as a symbol **between your eyes**. **9** And write them on the **doorposts** of your **houses** and on your **gates**. (Dt. 6:7-9, AT)



PROVERBS 1:8  
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FATHERLY INSTRUCTION



1 **Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction;** [discipline: מוֹסָר | *mûsār*]  
pay attention and gain understanding.

2 I give you **sound learning,**  
so **do not forsake my teaching** [ תּוֹרָה | *tôrâ*].

(Pr 4:1-2, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:8  
LISTEN TO  
FATHERLY INSTRUCTION



3 For I too was a **son to my father**,  
still tender, and cherished by my **mother**.

4 Then **he taught me**, and he said to me,  
“Take hold of my words with **all your heart**;  
keep my commands, and you will live.

(Pr 4:3-4, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:8  
LISTEN TO  
PARENTAL INSTRUCTION



- Honor your father **and** your mother so that your days will be lengthened in the land that the LORD [YHWH] your God is giving to you. (Ex 20:12, AT)



PROVERBS 1:8  
LISTEN TO  
PARENTAL INSTRUCTION



- 1 Children **obey** your parents in the Lord. For this is right. "Honor your father **and** mother" – which is the first commandment with a promise – “So that it may go well for you and that you will live long in the land.” [Ex 20:12] (Eph 6:1-3, AT)



PROVERBS 1:8  
LISTEN TO  
PARENTAL INSTRUCTION



- **Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Eph 6:4, ESV)**



PROVERBS 1:8  
LISTEN TO  
PARENTAL INSTRUCTION



Listen [ **שָׁמָע** | *šāma* ], my son, to the **discipline** of your **father**,  
and **do not forsake** the **instruction** [ **תּוֹרָה** | *tôrâ*] of your **mother**.  
(Pr 1:8, AT)



PROVERBS 1:8  
DO NOT FORSAKE  
MOTHERLY INSTRUCTION



She speaks with **wisdom**,

and faithful **instruction** [ תּוֹרָה | *tôrâ*] is on her tongue.

(Pr 31:26, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:8  
DO NOT FORSAKE  
MOTHERLY INSTRUCTION



- The sayings of King Lemuel—an inspired utterance his **mother taught him**. (Pr 31:1, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:8  
DO NOT FORSAKE  
MOTHERLY INSTRUCTION



My son, **keep your father's command**

and **do not forsake your mother's teaching** [ תּוֹרָה | *tôrâ*].

(Pr 6:20, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:8  
DO NOT FORSAKE  
MOTHERLY INSTRUCTION



Like the **useless legs** of one who is **lame**  
is a **proverb** in the **mouth** of a **fool**.

(Pr 26:7, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:9  
WISE WARDROBE



For they are a graceful garland for your head,  
and necklaces for your neck.

(Pr 1:9, AT)



## PROVERBS 1:9 WISE WARDROBE



- 9 So give your servant a **discerning** [ *שָׂמָא* | *šāma* ' ] **heart** to govern your people and to **distinguish between right and wrong**. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”
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## PROVERBS 1:9 WISE WARDROBE



**13 Blessed are those who find wisdom,  
those who gain understanding,  
14 for she is more profitable than silver  
and yields better returns than gold.  
15 She is more precious than rubies;  
nothing you desire can compare with her.**  
(Pr 3:13-15, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:9  
WISE WARDROBE



**16 Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honor.**  
(Pr 3:16, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:10  
DON'T GIVE IN  
TO SIN



My son, if sinners entice you,  
do not consent.

(Pr 1:10, AT)



PROVERBS 1:11  
COME,  
LET'S KILL!



If they say, "Come with us!  
Let's lie in wait for blood;  
Let's hide to ambush an innocent  
person without reason!  
(Pr 1:11, AT)



PROVERBS 1:12  
DEEDS  
OF DEATH



Let's swallow them alive like Sheol,  
and whole, like those who go down to the Pit!  
(Pr 1:12, AT)



PROVERBS 1:12  
DEEDS  
OF DEATH



Therefore **Death** [ **לִיאֲשׁוּ** | *šě'ôl* | *sheol*] **expands its jaws,**  
**opening wide its mouth;**  
into it will descend their nobles and masses  
with all their brawlers and revelers.

(Is 5:14, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:13-14  
COVETOUS CROOKS



13 We'll get all kinds of valuable possessions;  
we'll fill our houses with plunder!

14 Throw in your lot with us;  
it will be one purse for us all!

(Pr 1:13-14, AT)



PROVERBS 1:15  
DON'T WALK  
THIS WAY



My son, do not walk with them on their way;  
Keep your foot from their paths.  
(Pr 1:15, AT)



PROVERBS 1:15  
DON'T WALK  
THIS WAY



1 Blissful is the one who does **not** walk in the counsel of the **wicked**,  
or stand in the **way of** sinners,  
or dwell in the assembly of mockers.

2 But **rather**, in the **law** [ תּוֹרָה | *tôrâ*] of the LORD [YHWH] they  
delight,

and on His **law** [ תּוֹרָה | *tôrâ*] they meditate day and night.

(Ps 1:1-2, AT)



PROVERBS 1:16  
FOOLS RUSH IN  
TO EVIL



For their feet run to evil;  
they are hasty to shed blood.

(Pr 1:16, AT)<sub>(cf. Rom 3:15)</sub>



PROVERBS 1:17-18  
SNARED BY THEIR  
OWN SNARES



17 For in vain is the net that is spread  
in the sight of any bird.

18 But they lie in wait for their own blood;  
They ambush their own lives.

(Pr 1:17-18, AT)



PROVERBS 1:17-18  
SNARED BY THEIR  
OWN SNARES



“Among my people are the **wicked**  
who **lie in wait** like men who **snare birds**  
and like those who **set traps to catch**  
**people.**

(Jer 5:26, NIV; cf. Ps 91:3, 124:7, Pr 6:5, Hos 9:8)



PROVERBS 1:17-18  
SNARED BY THEIR  
OWN SNARES



15 The nations have **fallen into the pit they have dug;**  
their feet are **caught in the net they have hidden.**

16 The LORD [YHWH] is known by his acts of justice;  
the **wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.**

17 The wicked go down to the **realm of the dead** [ לַיַּאֲשׁוּרִים | *šě'ôl* | *sheol* ],  
all the nations that forget God.

(Ps 9:15-17, NIV; cf. Ps 35:7-8)



PROVERBS 1:17-18  
SNARED BY THEIR  
OWN SNARES



22 The evil deeds of the wicked **ensnare them**;  
the cords of their sins hold them fast.

23 For lack of **discipline** [ מוֹסָר | *mûsār*] they will die,  
led astray by their own great folly.

(Pr 5:22-23, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:17-18  
SNARED BY THEIR  
OWN SNARES



The righteousness of the blameless makes their paths straight,  
but the **wicked are brought down by their own wickedness.**

(Pr 11:5, NIV; cf. Pr 13:6, 21:7)





PROVERBS 1:17-18  
MOCKING  
THE MOCKERS



He **mocks** proud **mockers**

but shows **favor** to the **humble** and **oppressed**.

(Pr 3:34, NIV)



PROVERBS 1:19  
NO PROFIT  
FOR FALSE PROFIT



Such are the pathways of all who pursue unjust gain;

It takes the lives of its possessors.

(Pr 1:19, AT)



PROVERBS 1:19  
NO PROFIT  
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**Lazy** hands make for **poverty**,  
but **diligent** hands bring **wealth**.

(Pr 10:4, NIV; cf. Pr 6:6–11; 10:4; 15:19; 21:25; 27:23–27; 31:27)



CONCLUSION  
BE CAREFUL OF  
THE COMPANY YOU KEEP



- Do not be misled: “**Bad company corrupts good character.**” (1 Cor 15:33, NIV)