

Which Voice Are You Following?

Proverbs 1:8-19

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⁸ My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction. ⁹ What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck.

**¹⁰ My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them!
¹¹ They may say, "Come and join us. Let's hide and kill someone! Just for fun, let's ambush the innocent! ¹² Let's swallow them alive, like the grave ; let's swallow them whole, like those who go down to the pit of death.**

13 Think of the great things we'll get! We'll fill our houses with all the stuff we take. 14 Come, throw in your lot with us; we'll all share the loot." 15 My child, don't go along with them! Stay far away from their paths. 16 They rush to commit evil deeds. They hurry to commit murder. 17 If a bird sees a trap being set, it knows to stay away. 18 But these people set an ambush for themselves; they are trying to get themselves killed. 19 Such is the fate of all who are greedy for money; it robs them of life.

Purpose of Proverbs

- **Solomon is the author of the book of Proverbs.**
 - **His goal isn't simply to fill our minds with information.**
 - **His goal is to transform the way we live.**
 - **It's not information...**
 - **It's formation.**

Verse 8

"My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction."

Hebrew Word For Listen

- *Shema*
- It means more than simply hearing words.
- It carries the idea of hearing with the intention of responding.

Verse 9

"What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck."

James 3:17

“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without pretense.”

Verse 10

"My child, if sinners entice you, do not consent."

Verse 11

"Come with us..."

Verse 13-14

"Think of the great things we'll get! We'll fill our houses with all the stuff we take. Come, throw in your lot with us; we'll all share the loot."

Verse 15

“My child, do not go along with them. Keep your feet off their path.”

Verse 18

**“But they lie in wait for their own blood;
they ambush their own lives.”**

Verse 19

“Such are the paths of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the life of those who get it.”

John 10:27

**“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them,
and they follow me.”**

Psalm 95:1-8

- 1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**
- 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**
- 3 For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.**
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

Psalm 95:1-8

- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**
- ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;**
- ⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**
- Today, if only you would hear his voice,**
- ⁸ “Do not harden your hearts...”**