

# Week #6 Proverbs 1:10

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## **Prov. 1:10 - My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.**

There are three basic concepts in this verse that need to be understood to get a more complete sense of the meaning of this proverb. We will look at the terms sin/sinner, entice, and consent.

- 1) Sin/sinner: To sin in the sense of its basic meaning is to miss a target. It takes skill to consistently hit a target. A sinner is a person who consistently misses God's targets in the things he does and doesn't do.
- 2) Entice: This is from the same root that means to be simple/or foolish פתה. When someone entices you they usually try to get you to do something that you shouldn't do. They may use things that they know you enjoy or like. If you are someone that always likes to do fun things then a person who tries to entice you may make the wrong thing they want you to do seem really fun. Or they might persuade you not to do the things that God wants you to do and suggest that those good things are not fun at all.
- 3) Consent: You decide to say, "Ok, I'll do that." You agree to do or not do the things that someone suggests you do. Now giving consent is not by itself a good or bad thing. It is good or bad based upon what you are giving consent to.

Now with these three things in mind let's go to our review, practice what we are learning so far, and add one more commandment with a few instructions. (See page 2)

I was once told by a teacher that the phrase "practice makes perfect" is not really true. He told me that it's more accurate to say, "Practice makes permanent." If you practice the right things the right ways (according to God's design and provisions) then you can grow to be wise and pleasing in His eyes, and those right ways will become a permanent part of your life. You will learn to do what is right in God's eyes and live a life of faithfulness to Him.

One major difference between one who is naïve and one who is wise is that the wise person has learned ahead of time what to do. These basic lessons we are learning from God's scripture are meant to help you prepare to make wise choices as you grow up. I am selecting commandments that relate to community life in these initial lessons. The commandment to remember Shabbat, honor the aged, and to not go about as a talebearer all relate to how we work together as a community to do the things God commands us to do. For those parents who are teaching your children these commandments I want to encourage you to further explain these to them. The exercises we are doing to introduce these commandments need to be reinforced. As your children ask questions reinforce how your family keeps these commandments, and as a community let's continue to help support each other in keeping them.

Consider the words of this Psalm as they relate to the lesson we have studied today.

**Psalm 15:1-3 Ha Shem, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman...**