

Proverbs: The Way of Wisdom
Competing Appeals
(Proverbs 1:8-19)

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The Introductory Appeal

Listen to your parents and wise advisors.
They know more than you realize.
(1:8-9)

The Evil Invitation

The enticement of sinners promises great success.
(1:10-14)

The Final Warning

The consequence of sin is self-destructive.
(1:15-19)

THE WAY OF WISDOM:

*Listen to your parents and realize that
exploitation of others is ultimately self-destructive.*

Next Steps:

- Express thankfulness in some way for the guidance of your parents or wise advisors in your life. (This might be a letter or a prayer.)
- Consider the source of your values. Is your guidance truly coming from wise people who have your best interests at heart?

Passages:

- Proverbs 4
- Proverbs 5
- Proverbs 6
- Proverbs 7
- Proverbs 1:20-33

Home Church Questions:

- Read Proverbs 1:8-19.
- What was the main point of the message this week?
- Was there anything new, interesting, insightful, or even unclear from the message?
- *What was your main take away from this week's message?*
- What impact did your parents have on you growing up? Did you heed their instruction and warnings?
- Why do young people find it hard to listen to their parents? Is this ever legitimate?
- The gang in this passage is comprised of a bunch of bullies. Talk about bullying? Have you ever been a bully or experienced bullying yourself?
- This seems so obvious. Crime does not pay. Why does this passage make so much sense?
- Read Proverbs 1:19 again. In what sense is this usually true—most of the time this happens? In what sense is this always true—ultimately this is what happens?