



CHOOSING FRIENDS WISELY

Proverbs 1:8-19 ▪ Dr. Ron Jones

“Wilt thou hearken to me, if I give thee counsel?” MR. WORLDLY WISEMAN TO CHRISTIAN IN *THE PILGRIM’S PROGRESS*

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.

PROVERBS 1:8-9

It takes a _____ and a _____ to raise children in God’s wisdom.

The Enticement of Sinners

My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. 11 If they say, “Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason; 12 like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; 13 we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder; 14 throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse.” PROVERBS 1:10-14

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My son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths, for their feet run to evil, and they make hast to shed blood. PROVERBS 1:15-16

How to Choose Friends Wisely

1. Trust your _____ about your peers.

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. PROVERBS 1:8-9

2. Run with people who make it easy for you to _____.

My son, do not walk with them . . . for their feet run to evil. PROVERBS 1:15

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm. PROVERBS 13:20

Bad company corrupts good morals. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33

3. Become smarter than a _____.

For in vain is a net spread in the sight of any bird, but these men lie in wait for their own blood; they set an ambush for their own lives. PROVERBS 1:17-18

4. Avoid _____ people.

Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors. PROVERBS 1:19