

Prov. 1:8-19

- I. Intro: Heed parents instructions
 - A. Listen to instructions
 - 1. Listen my son, to your father's instruction
 - 2. And do not forsake your mother's teaching
 - B. They will be trophies
 - 1. They will be a garland to grace your head
 - 2. a chain to adorn your neck
- II. Do not join bandits
 - A. Command:
 - 1. My son, if sinners entice you
 - 2. Do not give in to them
 - B. If:
 - 1. If they say
 - 2. What they say
 - a. Come along with us
 - b. The proposal
 - i. Let's wait for someone's blood
 - ii. Let's ambush an innocent soul
 - c. The proposal elaborated
 - i. Let's swallow them alive, like the grave
 - ii. whole, like those going down to the pit
 - d. The promise
 - i. We will get all sorts of valuable things
 - ii. And fill our houses with plunder
 - e. The challenge
 - i. Throw in your lot with us
 - ii. And we will share a common purse
 - C. Then:
 - 1. My son, do not go along with them
 - 2. Do not set foot on their paths
 - D. Reasons:
 - 1. They are evil/They hurt themselves
 - a. For their feet rush into sin¹
 - b. They are swift to shed blood²
 - 2. They are unsuccessful
 - a. How useless to spread a net
 - b. In full view of all the birds
 - 3. They hurt themselves
 - a. These men lie in wait for their own blood
 - b. They ambush themselves
 - 4. Their way ends in death
 - a. Such is the end of all who go after ill-gotten gain
 - b. It takes away the lives of those who get it

¹ Poss. play on words between moral evil that they intend (for others), and tragedy, misfortune that results (for themselves).

² More ironic play on words, it doesn't say whose blood they hasten to pour out.