FAMILY WISDOM

Part 2: Bad Friends, Bad Life

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“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7 (NIV)

THE PURSUIT OF WISDOM BEGINS WITH…

**8**“Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching.” Proverbs 1:8 (NIV)

1. A WILLINGNESS TO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AND DO WHAT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**9**They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.” Proverbs 1:9 (NIV)

1. AN UNDERSTANDING THAT IT’S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FOR   
     
   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ WHO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ME TO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ WHAT’S   
     
   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_\_, EVEN IF I DON’T \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ IT.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A “BAD FRIEND”

**10**My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them.” Proverbs 1:10 (NIV)

* THEY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ YOU TO DO WHAT IS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + ENTICE = TO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + WHY ARE WE SO EASILY ABLE TO BE ENTICED?
    - WE ARE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BEINGS.
    - WE DON’T LIKE TO BE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + TYPES OF ENTICEMENTS:

**11 “**If they say, ‘Come along with us; let’s lie in wait for innocent blood, let’s ambush some harmless soul; **12**let’s swallow them alive, like the grave, and whole, like those who go down to the pit…’” Proverbs 1:11-12 (NIV)

* + - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OVER OTHERS.

**13**“‘…we will get all sorts of valuable things and fill our houses with plunder.’” Proverbs 1:13 (NIV)

* + - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* THEY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ WHAT IS WRONG.
* THEY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THEY CAN’T/WON’T \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**14**“…cast lots with us; we will all share the loot…” Proverbs 1:14 (NIV)

* THEY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**15**“…my son, do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths; **16**for their feet rush into evil, they are swift to shed blood.” Proverbs 1:15-16 (NIV)

BAD FRIENDS, BAD END…

**17**How useless to spread a net where every bird can see it! **18**These men lie in wait for their own blood; they ambush only themselves! **19**Such are the paths of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the life of those who get it.’” Proverbs 1:17-19 (NIV)

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

TWO QUESTIONS FOR EVALUATING MY FRIENDSHIPS

* IS MY RELATIONSHIP WITH \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MORE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ THAN MY   
    
  RELATIONSHIP WITH MY \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
* AM I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FROM FRIENDSHIPS/   
    
  RELATIONSHIPS THAT GET \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ IS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

**NEXT STEP**

1. **Continue in the GNG 31-Day Proverbs Challenge.**
2. **Evaluate your relationships with the final questions from the outline. Put your thoughts in a journal, or use them as a prayer prompt.**
3. **Sign up for a Baptism interview on our online Connect Card, or call/email the GNG Church office: (937) 393.5383 OR** [**info@goodnewsgathering.org**](mailto:info@goodnewsgathering.org)