

Proverbs 1:8-19 **Listen To The Instruction Of Your Father & Mother
Do Not Accept Evil Counsel**

Shun Evil Counsel

- ⁸ My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;
- ⁹ For they *will be* a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.
- ¹¹ If they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in wait to *shed* blood; Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;
- ¹² Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, * And whole, like those who go down to the Pit;
- ¹³ We shall find all *kinds* of precious possessions, We shall fill our houses with spoil;
- ¹⁴ Cast in your lot among us, Let us all have one purse" —
- ¹⁵ My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their path;
- ¹⁶ For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood.
- ¹⁷ Surely, in vain the net is spread In the sight of any bird;
- ¹⁸ But they lie in wait for their *own* blood, They lurk secretly for their *own* lives.
- ¹⁹ So *are* the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners.

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Facts Revealed:

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[\[Proverbs 1:8-9\]](#)
- ✧ Solomon taught his son to honor his father and mother which was entirely in line with the commandment of God, #5 of the ten commandments. [\[Exodus 20:12\]](#)
- ✧ Then he expressed the value of conforming to their instruction.
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So *are* the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners. [\[Proverbs 1:11-19\]](#)
- ✧ Solomon warned his son of the dangers of going the ways of the wicked.
- ✧ He described their ways and indicated the predestined end of it.

- ✧ Covetousness the last of the ten commandments greedy for gain takes away the life of its owner (possessor).