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Proverbs 1:10, **“My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.”**

Why is it necessary to complicate things? It seems that is the norm these days, trying our best to make everything around us complicated in the political as well as the religious realm. Proverbs 1:10 is powerful instruction to those wise men who hear it (Proverbs 1:5) as it increases their learning.

We first notice that Solomon alludes to the tie of kinship by calling those he is speaking, and are able to hear, as **“My son.”** The scriptures tell us that the only ones who can hear are those who have been given a **“hearing ear”** by the quickening of the Spirit of God (New Birth). Notice Romans 8:47, **“He that is of God heareth God’s words:...”** Being now in a condition to hear, they listen to the words of our Lord and they learn how to walk according to the will of God which pleases Him. This walk is sometimes referred to as *‘practical godliness’*.

When Solomon related to not consenting to the enticements of sinners, he is not referring to everyone. True, we are all sinners before a thrice Holy God. However, in this verse we find Solomon speaking of those **“sinners”** as those who are against true worship, against the existence of God, against the teachings of God’s Word, and against all things just and holy. While we are indeed all sinners, we are not referred to as such when we are walking by the Spirit as we have been redeemed and made righteous by the shed blood of the Lamb (Christ). But, once we err in our walk (succumb to the lust of the flesh), we then take on the same condition as those who are walking according to the course of the world.

So, if we follow the actions of a disciple of Christ, we do well. But, if they err and walk after the flesh, we are not to take up their ways. Proverbs 1:10 though, is speaking of those who are following worldly lust and who make attempts to have us follow them in their sinful actions. Simply put, we are not to consent to their enticements, but continue

to walk in the straight paths of righteousness, always asking for the guidance of our Lord in doing so.

Don't be like the world. We are to come out of the world and away from its evil ways. we are told in Ezra 10:11 to **“separate yourselves from the people of the land...”** Paul told the Corinthian church to **“...come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing;...”** It is for us to see the simplicity of Proverbs 1:10, yet recognize the power of its meaning. Don't let Satan and his evil followers deceive you. **III John 1:11, “Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doth good is of God: but he that doth evil hath not seen God.”** **“Think About It”!**