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

Temptation! This world is full of things to tempt the children of God. Satan is still going about seeking whom he may devour. Temptation is on every hand. Television, the Internet, and so many electronic devices have made it easy to be tempted. So much so, that marriages are ending because of the temptation these devices provided and the lack of constraint by so many.

Solomon, in Proverbs 1:10, is not talking directly to his own son, but to all those of his posterity; all those that would follow him for years to come. Solomon refers to those that will follow him in life as “**My son!**” He does this so as to bring attention to the importance of his words and admonition as well as his concern for their future. He says, “**if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.**” Solomon well knew that temptations would come and they would come by those who were up to no good. He also knew by his own lack of constraint that temptations were hard to deal with.

Peter makes a statement in II Peter 2:9 that we would do well to remember, “**The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations...**” In addition, notice closely the scripture found in Ephesians 6:13 where Paul says, “**Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in evil day, and having done all to stand.**” One of the ways to stand against the evilness of this day is to not follow after the enticements, the temptations, or the urgings of those who would have you to consent to the same broad way they are walking which leads to destruction. If so-called friends are no better friends than to lay temptations of evilness at your door, they are “friends” you can do without. May God give us strength to “**withstand(temptations) in the evil day.**” *Think About It!*