

# UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

**TEXT:** PROVERBS 1:8-19

After introducing and giving an overview of the book (v.1-7) Chapter 1 goes on to give a fatherly appeal to the reader to not forsake wise instruction and teaching. Verses 8-19 show us that to live wisely means we must be careful not to be enticed by those who pursue evil and are greedy for unjust gain. While such pursuits may seem like a pathway to joy, they ultimately lead to death. How does genuine community serve to guard us against the false promises of counterfeit community?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **HEAD:** Questions aimed at our minds to help us *understand* God's word.
  - In the sermon from last week (Proverbs 1:1-7) Pastor Clint described by skills of wisdom: Practical wisdom, intellectual wisdom, moral wisdom, discerning wisdom, and directional wisdom. We will see each of these skills emphasized throughout our study of Proverbs. Which of these do you see in this passage (1:8-19)?
  - How would you summarize the warning Solomon is giving his son in this passage? What are the consequences if one doesn't heed this warning?
  
2. **HEART:** Questions aimed at our affections to help us *love* God.
  - Solomon warns his son not to be enticed by those who pursue wickedness (v.10). Specifically, they are greedy. What does it mean to be greedy for unjust gain (v19)? Give some present day examples.
  - In what ways are you tempted by greed in your own heart. How can you fight against greed with the truth of the Gospel? (See 1 Timothy 6:11-12, 6:6)
  
3. **HANDS:** Questions aimed at our hands to help us *live for* God (Personally, Communally, and Missionally).

- Did you grow up in a godly home? What does it mean for you to heed your parent's instruction and teaching (v.8-). If you're a parent, what does it look like for you to impart wisdom and teaching to your children?
- In we're not careful, we could misunderstand this passage to mean that we should never engage in relationship with sinners. If that were true, we would all be alone! So what is the difference between lovingly engaging non-Christians with the gospel and walking in the way of sinners (v.15)? How are you doing this?

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- The Gospel Solution to Greed and Stinginess  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/the-gospel-solution-to-greed-and-stinginess/>