

Consent Thou Not

I. Introduction: When I was a child the slogan against drugs was “just say no.” Well, what about sin in general?

A. Good parents instruct children (**Proverbs 1:8**) so they can have better lives (**Proverbs 3:1-2**).

1. We work so that our children can find favor [acceptance] with God and man (**Proverbs 3:4**).
2. We teach the good and right ways to live (**Proverbs 4:1-13**).
3. Part of those instructions are to avoid the paths of the wicked (**Proverbs 4:14-17**).

B. Well folks, God is our Father (**Ephesians 4:6**).

1. His instructions are to our benefit carnally and spiritually (**Psalms 1:1-3**, **Psalms 119:97-101**, **Proverbs 2:6**, and **Acts 20:32**).
2. Like a good parent, He knows the dangers of influence in our lives (**Proverbs 13:20** and **I Corinthians 15:33**).

II. Body: So... **Proverbs 1:10**

A. Sinners are those outside of God’s people (**Psalms 1:5**) whom are transgressors of the will of God (**Isaiah 1:4** and **I John 3:4**).

1. The Lord draws a really clear distinction (**I John 3:7-10**).
2. Those that want to continue in sin won’t hear the truth (**John 8:43-47**).
3. So, don’t abuse the idea of being a light to the world (**Matthew 5:14-16**).

B. Who is influencing who? Don’t be a conformer (**Romans 12:1-2**)?

1. The word translated “entice” in **Proverbs 1:10** is also translated “deceived” (**Deuteronomy 11:16**), “persuade” (**I Kings 22:20-22**), “flatter” (**Psalms 78:36**), “allure” (**Hosea 2:14**), etc. Think about that!
2. Sinners are deceptive and will try to allure you into sinful behaviors (**Psalms 28:3** and **Proverbs 26:22-28**).

a. Don’t be naive (**Proverbs 14:15** and **Jeremiah 12:6**).

b. Understand the consequences of sin are not removed just because someone tricked you (**Ephesians 5:6**).

3. Don’t be deceived, it only takes one sinner to bring about much harm (**Ecclesiastes 9:18**).

C. Don’t be a willing participant. Don’t consent. Refuse (**Genesis 39:1-12**)!

1. Hate it (**Psalms 101:1-7**).

2. Be the strange one (**I Peter 4:1-5**).

III. Conclusion: **Proverbs 4:18-27**