

The Deadly Allure of Sin

Word

Scripture Reference

Proverbs 1:10-19

Discussion Questions

1. What makes sin enticing despite knowing it is evil?
2. Sadly, most people, including Christians, are willing to gamble their lives away thinking that the consequences of sin will not blow up their lives. Everyone struggles with sin because of our sinful nature, but we can overcome it through the power of Jesus Christ. Because of the deadly allure of sin, we choose to sin instead of choosing not to sin. Could you honestly say that you would never fall into the trap of sin? What do you think would happen if you claim or say that?
3. Read Proverbs 1:10-19. The allure of sin is so great that the Bible talks about how sin tricks you by enticement. This passage admonishes you not to consent if sin entices you (v. 10). Sin entices you by using your five senses. Discuss how you could be enticed to fall into sin by the senses of taste, touch, sight, smell and sound. If you were in this situation, being allured by sin through these senses, what would you do? How can you avoid giving in to sin?
4. There are two draws of sin that this passage teaches us:
 - a. *It is done in secret* (v. 11-12). The motivation of sin is pure evil, which is exactly the opposite of what God wants. Sin is NEVER okay with God. The motivation of even the smallest sin is evil. If this is the case, could sin be categorized or be excused as a small matter? Discuss how people in your life influence you to sin. How should you deal with people who try to persuade you to sin in secret? How should the fact that

the Bible warns us that all sins done in secret will be revealed keep you from sinning?

- b. *Sin promises prosperity* (v. 13-14). Sin promises enjoyment and prosperity--in money and also in being accepted or being "in." How does peer pressure (doing what everyone else is doing) lure you to sin? Discuss the dangers of falling into this kind of sin. If you walk with this kind of people, how would it endanger your own life?
5. Notice how verse 15-16 reiterates what was said in verse 10. Why is it impossible to walk on the right path and on the wrong path at the same time? What is waiting at the end of each path? What should you do so that you will not regret how you have lived your life?
 6. Sin leads to self-destruction (v. 17-19). Foolish people do not understand this. Discuss how sin affects someone's family and one's own reputation. Why would people still continue to live in sin even when they are aware that it would destroy them? How could you avoid this kind of life? What is the warning in Mark 8:36?

Walk

"Christ died for sin. Believers die to sin. Unbelievers die in sin." Living in righteousness and holiness will keep you away from destructing your own life. Look at your life and ask if you are being drawn to sin that is done in secret or because it promises prosperity. Is there anything in your life that is keeping you from walking on the right path with the Lord? Ask Him to give you the wisdom and strength to give up the weight of sin that leads you to self-destruct.

Worship & Prayer

Heavenly Father, the allure of sin is strong and deadly to myself. I need You in my life because without You, Lord, its weight would be hard for me to bear and overcome. Thank You that I can live in righteousness and holiness because of Jesus Christ who is the Living Water. Thank you for the daily spiritual sustenance that come from Your Word. May you give me the desire to walk on the right path with You. In Jesus' name. Amen.