

Teaching Outline

Series: Making Wise Choices

Week Two

Prov 1:10-33 (NLT)

¹⁰ My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them!
¹¹ They may say, "Come and join us. Let's hide and kill someone! Just for fun, let's ambush the innocent!"¹² Let's swallow them alive, like the grave; let's swallow them whole, like those who go down to the pit of death.¹³ Think of the great things we'll get! We'll fill our houses with all the stuff we take.¹⁴ Come, throw in your lot with us; we'll all share the loot."¹⁵ My child, don't go along with them! Stay far away from their paths.¹⁶ They rush to commit evil deeds. They hurry to commit murder.¹⁷ If a bird sees a trap being set, it knows to stay away.¹⁸ But these people set an ambush for themselves; they are trying to get themselves killed.¹⁹ Such is the fate of all who are greedy for money; it robs them of life.

Sin made _____ a 4-letter word!

Greed can lead to working _____.

¹⁵ My child, don't go along with them! Stay far away from their paths.

_____ means just that, _____!

Vs 17. Greed _____ us to the impending _____.

Vss 18-19. Greed is a _____.

²⁰ Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square.²¹ She calls to the crowds along the main street, to those gathered in front of the city gate:

God is hoping that we will _____ to be wise.

²² "How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge?"²³ Come and listen to my counsel. I'll share my heart with you and make you wise.²⁴ "I called you so often, but you wouldn't come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention."²⁵ You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered.²⁶ So I will laugh when you are in trouble! I will mock you when disaster overtakes you—²⁷ when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster engulfs you like a cyclone, and anguish and distress overwhelm you.²⁸ "When they cry for help, I will not answer. Though they anxiously search for me, they will not find me."²⁹ For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the LORD.³⁰ They rejected my advice and paid no attention when I corrected them.

**When we turn our back on _____,
_____ is not there for us when we need it!**

³¹ Therefore, they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way, choking on their own schemes.³² For simpletons turn away from me—to death. Fools are destroyed by their own complacency.

There are repercussions for our _____.

³³ But all who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm."

_____ **to be wise is up to us!**

For further reflection: How deeply do I genuinely desire to be wise in God's eyes? Am I willing to invest myself in learning wisdom?

Closing Song: Draw Me Close to You, Michael W. Smith