

Scripture

Proverbs 1:8-19 (NLT)

A Father's Exhortation: Acquire Wisdom

- 8 My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction.
- 9 What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck.

- 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.