

# Proverbs 1:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

## Analysis

This verse addresses the fundamental issue of peer pressure and moral influence. The imperative 'consent thou not' (אַל-תַּבְּאָ/al-tove) is emphatic—absolutely refuse. The Hebrew verb 'abah' means to be willing, to consent, to acquiesce. The warning assumes that sinners will indeed 'entice' (יְפַתּוּ/yefatucha)—attempt to seduce through persuasive words and attractive promises. The verb 'pathah' means to persuade, deceive, or entice, often with connotations of seduction. Proverbs recognizes the powerful influence of companionship and the reality that wicked people actively recruit others into their sin. The parental voice ('My son') provides authoritative wisdom to counter seductive voices of peers. This verse establishes a principle developed throughout chapters 1-9: wisdom requires decisive rejection of sinful influences, regardless of how attractive or persuasive they may appear.

## Historical Context

Written by Solomon around 950 BC, this proverb addresses the universal temptation to join in wrongdoing for material gain.

## Related Passages

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What specific situations or relationships in your life present the temptation to 'consent' to sinful enticements?
2. How can you develop the moral courage to say 'no' when peers, colleagues, or cultural pressures entice you toward compromise?

## Interlinear Text

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תָּבָא: אֶת־בֶּן־אָם אִפְּגַת וְבָנָים  
My son      H518      entice      if sinners      H408      thee consent  
H1121      H6601      H2400      H14

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ephesians 5:11** (Parallel theme): And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

**Proverbs 16:29** (Parallel theme): A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.

**Psalms 1:1** (Sin): Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

**Proverbs 13:20** (Parallel theme): He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

**Romans 16:18** (Parallel theme): For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

**Deuteronomy 13:8** (Parallel theme): Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:

**Psalms 50:18** (Parallel theme): When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

