



# Parents Versus Peers

PROVERBS 1:8-19

*"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching," (Proverbs 1:8, ESV)*

## Review the Sermon

Read Proverbs 1:8-19.

What are some characteristics of a functional life-giving family?

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What makes unhealthy gangs or groups look/act like family? Why are so many people attracted to the wrong crowd of people?

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What factors define a healthy group of people worth belonging to?

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## Assess your Life

Have you ever run with the wrong crowd? Why were you attracted? How did you realize it was the wrong crowd or a dysfunctional "family"?

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How does your family of origin compare to the ideal family structure in Proverbs?

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How has your experience of a church family compared or contrasted with your experience of biological family?

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## Apply the Truth

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What changes could you make to promote life-giving qualities in your current family? (This will depend on your position in the family.)

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For parents: are there any changes you could make in leading your children, so they lean into your instruction rather than defying your authority?

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How do you work to promote life-giving health in your church family? What issues need to be addressed with yourself and with others?

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## Commit this Week

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Will you commit to surrounding yourself with healthy people who promote the fear of the Lord in your soul?

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*"my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths," (Proverbs 1:15, ESV)*