Pitfall #1: The Problem With Peers (2001 Apr 1)

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INTRODUCTION

- Even if there's just one mine in a minefield, it's dangerous and hazardous. And it can cost you your life.
- Our children are growing up today in the middle of a minefield.
- It is our task to help our young people navigate life's minefield, to avoid those pitfalls which threaten to take away their happiness.

1 The Dangerous Pitfall of the Wrong Peers

Proverbs 1:10–19

- Solomon would try to warn us about one of the grave dangers that our children face.
- They're going to be led into sin, led astray from God's path, and wreak havoc in their lives because of the influence of their peers.
- One of the important tasks that we have as parents is to help them navigate around this dangerous pitfall that is posed by the wrong peers.
- We as parents need to come to some settled convictions in our heart about the problem, about the nature of the problem, and about the action we need to take to help our children avoid it.

2 Friends Will Exert an Enormous Influence

Proverbs 1:8; Proverbs 1:10

- As parents, we need to be convicted that friends will exert an enormous influence in the lives of our children.
- We simply cannot afford to be unaware or naive about that problem.
- Hear my son, your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching. That's one voice they hear. But it's not the only voice.
- My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent. If they say, come with us. Moms and dads need to realize that someone else is talking to our kids.
- Sometimes what they're hearing is the voice of a specific group of friends, neighborhood kids, friends that they have at school.

MY NOTES