

1 Youth Ministry Grades 7-12

November 30, 2024 Ten types of people the Bible warns us about

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Sunday



Ten types of people the Bible warns us about

A couple of Sundays ago, we talked about some types of the people that the Bible warns us about.

We started by talking about **King Solomon** and the Godly wisdom that he shared in the **Book of Proverbs**. We said that **Knowledge** is acquiring information and facts while **Wisdom** involves the application of the knowledge once it is obtained.

We said that the Bible is filled with both knowledge and wisdom about honoring God and building healthy relationships with others. The Book of **Proverbs** is especially full of wisdom so we looked there to find what we could learn about relationships with people.

While the Bible teaches us to love our neighbors and treat others with kindness, it also provides warnings

youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verses

Proverbs 1:7

⁷ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 20:19

¹⁹ A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.

Proverbs 11:9

⁹ With their mouths the godless destroy their neighbors, but through knowledge the righteous escape.

Proverbs 9:7-8

⁷ Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults; whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.
⁸ Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you.

Proverbs 18:9

⁹ One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.

Proverbs 16:18

¹⁸ Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. about certain types of people who can have a negative impact on our lives and spiritual growth.

These warnings are not meant to cause judgement or to isolate ourselves from the world but rather to encourage us to be cautious about who we regularly surround ourselves with and how it can affect us.

First, we looked at **Proverbs 1:7** and **"The Fool"**. The Bible has a lot to say about fools, often describing them as people who reject wisdom and do not learn from their mistakes. Fools ignore advice, act recklessly, and follow their own desires without considering the consequences. Being around people who reject wisdom can negatively impact your own decisions.

Next, is in **Proverbs 20:19** and is **"The Gossip"**. The Bible speaks strongly against gossip, describing it as a destructive behavior that breaks trust. It damages relationships. Gossips enjoy sharing secrets, even if it means damaging someone's reputation. Spending time with someone who constantly talks about others can pull you into the habit too. The Bible teaches us to use our words to build others up, not tear them down.

Proverbs 11:9 warns us about "The Hypocrite".

Jesus often confronted hypocrisy, especially among the religious leaders. Hypocrites pretend to be righteous while hiding their own sins. They judge others harshly, but fail to hold themselves to the same standards. The Bible warns us to watch out for hypocritical behavior in others and in ourselves.

Proverbs 9:7-8 talks about "Mockers".

Mockers are people who ridicule or make fun of others, especially when it comes to matters of faith or morality. They often refuse to change their ways and can create a toxic environment of negativity.

Proverbs 18:9 mentions "The Lazy".

This laziness is about neglecting responsibilities. The Bible warns against being lazy because it can lead to poverty, missed opportunities, and a lack of purpose. People who choose to be lazy may encourage you to adopt the same habits. It's important to be around people who always inspire you to be your best.

Proverbs 16:18 tells us about the "Overly Prideful". Pride is dangerous because it can lead to arrogance and a sense of superiority. Overly prideful people may think they are better than others, refuse to listen to advice, or refuse to admit when they are wrong. The Bible emphasizes humility and grace.

Proverbs 22:24-25

²⁴ Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, ²⁵ or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.

Proverbs 11:5

⁵ The righteousness of the blameless makes their paths straight, but the wicked are brought down by their own wickedness.

Proverbs 3:5

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

Proverbs 12:22

²² The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.

<u>Visit our</u> website here! **Proverbs 22:24-25** talks about "**Angry**" people. People who are quick to anger can create a hostile environment, causing conflict and drama. The Bible warns us that hanging around with an angry person can lead to their behavior rubbing off on you.

We said that anger itself is not always wrong, but allowing it to control your actions is dangerous. We are encouraged to seek peace and avoid people who are constantly filled with anger and rage.

We are warned about "The Wicked" in Proverbs 11:5. Wicked people are those who choose to purposefully live in opposition to God's ways, often engaging in behaviors that are harmful or even sinful. The Bible warns us against following the path of the wicked which leads to destruction and encourages us to surround ourselves with people who live righteously.

Proverbs 3:5 talks about "The Doubter".

While everyone experiences moments of doubt, the Bible warns against being constantly influenced by those who lack faith. Persistent doubt can weaken your faith and cause you to question God's promises.

The Bible encourages surrounding yourself with people who will strengthen your faith and encourage you to trust in God, especially during difficult times.

Proverbs 12:22 discusses "The Deceitful".

Deceitful people manipulate, tell lies, or hide the truth to get what they want. The Bible warns that dishonesty leads to broken relationships, mistrust, and destruction.

We said this is by no means a complete list and you can find other people that the Bible warns us about not only in **Proverbs** but in other scripture as well.

Remember, while it's important to be aware of these traits in others, we should also take time to reflect on ourselves and always strive to avoid these negative behaviors in our own lives.

Choosing our friends wisely can help us grow spiritually and stay on the path that leads to a life full of faith, love, and righteousness. Being aware of who we allow into our inner circle will help protect our hearts.

Remember, the goal here is not to just completely avoid these people, but to be aware of the negative influence they can have on your life, if you let them.

Remember, The Holy Spirit's guidance will help you navigate your relationships with wisdom and grace.



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