The Enemy's Plan

Tony Mauck · Proverbs 1:8–29

INTRODUCTION

- I bring up these examples to you to show the influence that our peers have upon us.
- We know that from passages like 1 Corinthians 15 and verse 33. Bad company corrupts good morals.
- Peers' influence us, and it doesn't matter whether you're 15 or 55.

1 God's Plan for Your Life

2 Kings 11:2; Ephesians 5:1–2; 1 Peter 5:5–6

- But overriding all of that and involved in all of that needs to be God's plan for your life.
- If you would be faithful to the Lord, God has a way to use you effectively and powerfully in his cause.
- She saved the lineage of David.
- Let me tell you what God's plan is for your life. Plain and simple, it's about the welfare of your soul.
- Be imitators of God as beloved children and walk in love just as Christ did and sacrificed himself for us.
- Your choices and decisions to live righteously impact the lives of others.

2 Somebody Else's Plan: The Unbelievers' Influence

Proverbs 1:10; Proverbs 1:18–19

- The devil keeps it subtle.
- We've got to ascertain the danger by looking into God's word and making sure that we're not violating what God has instructed us to do.
- This is the plea. Almost every time. Let's have fun.
- My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.
- As they lie and wait for others, they lie and wait for their own blood, and they ambush their own lives.
- And again, the result of that is fellowship forfeited.

3 Five Things About the Influence of Others

2 Timothy 2:22

- Number one, you are not safe merely because you are with another Christian.
- Secondly, when you choose God's plan for your life, You must be prepared to go against the current and go against the flow.

- You need to be convinced before those occasions ever happens of the surpassing wisdom and value of doing right.
- Be ready for these occasions by developing spiritual traits such as meditation and prayer and self-control.
- If the only time you think about God and pray to him is in a church building, the unbeliever's plan for your life is going to be a problem.
- We need to absolutely rule out addictive behaviors.

4 The Fear Factor: Choose the Fear of the Lord

Proverbs 1:29

- That fear factor is what we read in Proverbs chapter 1 about embracing knowledge and choosing the fear of the Lord.
- We need to choose the fear of the Lord where there is salvation. We need to fear him more than we fear our peers.
- You ought to fear him who was able to destroy both soul and body.

THE CHALLENGE

So I tell you, young people, as I love your souls, be careful. We wish you well as you approach adulthood. We hope the dreams and plans for your life are wonderful. They come to fruition, but be careful. There are many dangers out there.

MY NOTES