

<sup>8</sup>Hear, my son, your father's **instruction**, and

**DO NOT FORSAKE** your mother's **teaching**;

<sup>9</sup>Indeed, **they** are a graceful wreath to your head,  
and  
ornaments about your neck.

<sup>10</sup>My son, if **sinner**s entice you, **DO NOT CONSENT.**

<sup>11</sup>If **they** say,  
"Come with **us**,  
Let **us** lie in wait for blood,  
Let **us** ambush the innocent without cause,  
<sup>12</sup>Let **us** swallow them alive like Sheol,  
even whole, as those who go down  
to the pit;

<sup>13</sup>**We** shall find all kinds of precious wealth,  
**We** shall fill our houses with spoil;  
<sup>14</sup>Throw in your lot with **us**,  
**We** shall all have one purse."

<sup>15</sup>My son, **DO NOT WALK IN THE WAY WITH**

**KEEP YOUR FOOT FROM PATH,**

<sup>16</sup>For **their** feet run to evil, and  
**they** hasten to shed blood.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, it is useless to spread the net  
in the sight of any bird;

<sup>18</sup>**BUT** **they** lie in wait for **their own** blood;  
**they** ambush **their own** lives.

<sup>19</sup>So are the ways of everyone who **GAINS BY IOLENCE**;  
**IT** takes away the life of **its possessors**.