



# Hunger For Truth

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**Proverbs 7:2 – Matthew 5:6 – John 8:32 – II Timothy 3:16-17 – Hebrews 4:12**

***“Let us Hunger For Truth”***

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## *Peer Pressure (By: Brother Tim Dunkin)*

*Editor's Notes:* The following sermon outline starting on page 2 is another great study by Brother Tim Dunkin who is a good friend of the HFT editors. The outline is based on Proverbs 1:10 and studies a very important subject in raising our children and teens for the Lord Jesus Christ... peer pressure!

Dear reader, are you interested in keeping your children for Christ? I hope your answer is YES! This powerful study will help you see how you can protect your children from the subtle attacks of the devil when they face peer pressure from others. May God bless this study of His precious holy word!

## Proverbs 1:10

### "Peer Pressure"

Theme: Solomon instructed his son, as we are all instructed to do today, to avoid and shun peer pressure and to stay on the path that our parents and other spiritual authorities have sought to set us.

*My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.*

#### I. If Sinners Entice Thee (v. 10a)

- A. We live in a world where the enticement to sin is more subtle, pervasive, and attractive than ever before.
- B. We see something of the character of those doing the enticing – they are sinners.
  - 1. This is what defines them – rebellion against God and a desire to encourage others to rebel.
  - 2. Nearly always, the one who is applying peer pressure to get you to do wrong is trying to justify or exonerate himself.
  - 3. The pressure NEVER has your best interest in mind, just what he thinks will help him (Rom. 1:32, 16:17-18)
  - 4. Sometimes the enticement doesn't come from someone else, but from our own heart (Jer. 17:9) – we are all sinners by nature and practice and if we do not control our own thought life, we can entice ourselves to sin (James 1:13-15).
  - 5. Peer pressure can destroy you spiritually – worldliness is a form of covetousness (wanting that which God has forbade) and is therefore idolatry.
- C. We see the action – entice
  - 1. This has the idea of deceiving by seduction, especially of doing it to someone who is left wide open and defenseless against inducement.
  - 2. It has to operate in the shadows, working subtly and through trickery.
  - 3. Also, it can catch us unawares if we are not watching and praying to avoid temptation.
  - 4. So identify dangers and avoid them! – People, places, etc. that would appeal to you to do wrong.
- D. We see the subject of the enticement – thee
  - 1. We're not speaking generally here – but to each of you individually.
  - 2. Satan desires to destroy you (I Pet. 5:8), and will use your so-called friends, peer pressure, school, what's "cool," your own desires, fears, and false sense of rejection to do it.

#### II. Consent Thou Not (v. 10b)

- A. Our responsibility – consent not
  - 1. Remember the standards and doctrines your parents have taught you. "My son..." – they DO teach these things for YOUR good.
  - 2. This is first and foremost a matter of the will and heart – the word "consent" has the idea of accepting or being ready to consent, even DESIRING to do so.

3. Be settled on the truth (Col. 1:23) and allow God's Spirit to renew the spirit of your minds (Eph. 4:23), and you will be able to resist peer pressure and continue in the truth.
  4. Watch and be ready, and you will overcome (I Cor. 16:13).
- B. Our individual decision – thou
1. Again – this is a choice each of you will have to make individually when the time comes.
  2. No one can make it for you – parents, your pastor, Sunday School teachers, etc.
  3. The blessings of obedience will bear eternal fruit in your life (Ps. 1:1-3).

*Challenge – As a young person, a teenager, or even an adult, will you ground yourself in what godly authorities in your life have taught you and make the choice to reject peer pressure to sin?*

## ***What Happened to the Casting Of Lots?***

**Message by: Andrew Lacroix**

**Main Text: Acts 1:23-26**

This passage is the tail end of the first chapter, and as a result we are breaking into the context. This is just after the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to His throne in Heaven, and prior to the day of Pentecost. The apostles were seated along with other believers in the “upper room” (v.13). A total of 120 were there. Peter gathers them to address the need to replace Judas, who hung himself after selling out the Saviour for thirty pieces of silver. Now Judas was dead, and Peter finished his reasoning for this new appointment in v.22 that: “one be ordained to be a witness with us of His resurrection”.

So the disciples had narrowed the list down to two who directly witnessed the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ: Barsabas (mentioned twice: our text and Acts 15:22) and Matthias (again mentioned just twice, both of which is in our text). The Bible says that they prayed and cast lots. The lot fell upon Matthias, and so he was chosen to replace Judas as this twelfth apostle. Now, despite the fact he is only used twice in Scripture doesn't necessarily mean he wasn't important, it might have meant he had a quiet ministry. Anyway, the disciples here used an unorthodox method to determine God's will. They indeed prayed, but then they cast lots. Wouldn't you like to know where our lots are? Why don't we cast lots today? There is a saying that “God doesn't roll dice”, but the question before us is “what happened to the casting of lots?” First, let's learn more about these lots.

There are approximately eighty to ninety references, mostly repetitious, to the biblical term lot. This is not to be confused with the biblical character Lot, who because he went to Sodom he got in a “lot” of trouble. In Leviticus 16:7-10 we see the earliest such example. Here this is one of the major feast days to the Lord, that being the Day of Atonement. God will ask Aaron to cast two lots upon the two goats presented. One is to have the Lord's lot, and the other was to have the “scapegoat” lot (no pun intended). The goat that had the Lord's lot was slain for the sins of the Israelites, but the other goat was to be presented alive to God and then let free. This not only symbolizes a picture of our sins when we accept Christ as Lord and Saviour, as they are removed: “as far as the east is from the west” (cf. Psalm 103:12); but we get an idea of how the lot was used here. God chose, which goat was to be

sacrificed here, and in our text He chose which apostle was to replace the traitor.

In Numbers 26:55-56 God tells Moses how the Promised Land was to be divided up (not by Moses himself, but by his successor Joshua). Lots subdivided the land. Now while men can see this perhaps as a “game of chance”; but God knew what He was doing and supernaturally allowed it so each lot fell to the tribe that was to get that specific portion of the land. Moses did divide up the portions east of the Jordan to satisfy two and a half of the tribes. Also remember that the tribe of Levi had no inheritance because they were serving as priests to each of the tribes. Joshua would later execute the Lord’s will to divide up the land by lot beginning in his book of the Bible, in chapters 13 through 21. Look closer at 18:6-11 to see one such example. The remainder of the tribes would now have lots cast before the Lord to determine which plot of the land they would get. No doubt size and loyalty to God’s Word also had a hand in God determining which tribe deserved which portion of the land they would be given.

Here is one example of where lots determined a person’s guiltiness: I Samuel 14:41-42. We are breaking into the context again, so the scene is that Jonathan, Saul’s son, was in a battle with the Philistines. The cavalry had been charged by Saul to not eat until they had won. Battles like this could have taken a long time to prevail, so this may have been quite the foolish request on the part of Saul, but nevertheless it was the rule here. However Jonathan was not aware of the charge (v.24), and so he ate of the honey in v.27. When word got to Saul of the feasts the cavalry had, who apparently had eaten of cattle with blood, he called for them all to stand before him. Eating was not a sin, but rather it was because they disobeyed his charge and they also ate blood, forbidden in the laws given to them in Leviticus. He first cast lots between him with Jonathan and the people. They got the Lord’s lot. Now he separated Jonathan and himself, and cast them again. It fell to Jonathan. Jonathan would confess to the act. Saul orders him to be slain, but the people vouch for him, and so he was spared. The lot was used to determine God’s will, and in this case, we see God still moved in hearts to spare Jonathan.

When Israel returned to the land after the Babylonian/Persian captivity, they cast lots (Nehemiah 10:34, 11:1). In Proverbs 16:33 we see the reason lots were cast in Scripture in greater detail. Here Solomon says “the lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord”. When an important decision needed to be made in the OT, the Lord allowed the usage of the lot to be the determiner of His will. In Proverbs 18:18 the Bible says “the lot causeth contentions to cease and parteth between the mighty”. There was to be no need for arguing because the lot determined God’s will every time, so it was used for good and God gave His okay for usage of such a tool.

Here is a way God used the lot to change someone’s direction: Jonah 1:7. We see the men on the storm-riddled ship to Tarshish figuring out why all of a sudden there was this raging storm unlike they had endured before. These were men of the sea. They had weathered bad storms before, but never like this one. This reminds me of the meteorological phenomenon known as the “Perfect Storm” that occurred off the New England/Nova Scotia coastline in 1991. A ship named the Andrea Gail and its crew attempted to return to Gloucester, MA after a fishing expedition and decided to try to go through the storm to return home. They would later capsize and all on board lost their lives. This must have been quite the storm God brought to make these men realize something is not right. They gather to cast lots amidst the turbulent seas and the “lot” fell upon the man who was sleeping, the prophet Jonah. While they may have believed they had “randomly” selected one to be guilty, God overruled and made sure His man was the guilty party.

Let’s view one final example of lots, and we will need to go to Matthew 27:35 to see this. Here lots were used, but their usage here was not to glorify God as much as it was to fulfill an OT prophecy. The usage of the lot was to gamble to determine who got the vesture of the dying Lord upon the cross. This by the way is one of the few events of the crucifixion hours described in all four Gospel accounts. The prophecy was spoken of by David in Psalm 22:18, and sure enough, one thousand years later, the

soldiers gambled for His very cloak!

So all that took place chronologically before our original text in Acts 1:23-26. As the apostles selected two, they prayed over them to God for His will to be done and then cast lots. So why don't we cast lots today?

Our answer starts with a look at John 16:13. Note the phrase "He will guide you into all truth". Christ promised the Comforter, that is, the Holy Spirit, to the believers after His death and resurrection, Who will now abide in each believer. He indwells each believer at the moment of their conversion to Christ and stays forever, convicting them of sin and teaching them how to grow as Christians. Relating back to our text, the disciples in Acts 2 finally receive the Comforter to guide them, and help them in decision-making. Of course one must still pray, but now there would no longer be the need to cast lots when deciding what God would have them to do.

Let's view two examples of the Holy Spirit in action guiding believers. The first is Acts 13:1-3. Many believers were gathered at the church of Antioch, including the list given in v.1. Note v.2. What would have they done had this occurred perhaps fifty years ago and they needed men to go out? They would have prayed and cast lots, but that was no longer necessary. The Holy Spirit was now guiding the believers gathered at Antioch to make the call for Barnabas and Saul (later called Paul) to go out from Antioch. Not only does this teach of the Holy Spirit's guidance in one's life, but it also as a side note teaches that the local church should be the one sending forth God's appointed missionaries/pastors into the harvest.

Another such example is Acts 16:6-10. Here we see what the Spirit does by closing some doors and opening other ones. Here God closed the door on Paul's ministry to two areas, but He opened the door for the "Macedonian Call"(that is a reference to a line from the hymn "Send the Light"). Again, had this occurred fifty years earlier, Paul would have prayed, and cast lots between the lands, and God would have sent Paul into southeastern Europe. Note Paul recalling the need for him to go to Macedonia and God opening that door in II Cor. 2:12.

However, we can fail to yield to the Spirit. In Ephesians 4:30 we are told we could grieve the Spirit, and when He is grieved, there can be no guidance, because we are out of fellowship with the Lord. Answers cannot be determined as clearly because sin has clogged the conduit between the Holy Spirit and us, and until we get that right we can make bad decisions, influenced by self and not Bible-based.

What is our conclusion, then? There is no need for believers today to cast lots to determine God's will. We have the Holy Spirit, which "will guide us into all truth" and the avenue of prayer. Together, that should be quite the step towards making such decisions in one's life. How about using wise counsel? Numerous passages in the book of Proverbs indicate that wise counsel may also help a believer to make the right decision. Proverbs 15:22 is one such passage, but there are others that suggest a Christian should seek other mature Christians when it comes to a big decision. We have wise counsel, we have prayer, we have the Holy Spirit, and we have the completed and perfect Word of God. God doesn't roll dice with our lives, and neither should we. There is no further need for a believer to cast lots.

## *Showers of Blessing (By: Charles Haddon Spurgeon)*

*“I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing” (Ezekiel 34:26)*

It does not say, “I will send them drops,” but “showers.” So it is with grace. If God gives a blessing, He usually gives it in such a measure that there is not room enough to receive it. Plenteous grace! Ah! We want plenteous grace to keep us humble, to make us prayerful, to make us holy; plenteous grace to make us zealous, to preserve us through this life, and at last to land us in heaven.

Again, it is seasonable grace. “I will cause the shower to come down in his season.” What is thy season this morning? Is it the season of drought? Then that is the season for showers. “As thy day, so shall thy strength be.” And here is a varied blessing, “I will give thee showers of blessing.” the word is in the plural.

All God's blessings go together, like links in a golden chain. If He gives converting grace, He will also give comforting grace. He will send “showers of blessing.” Look up today, O parched plant, and open thy leaves and flowers for a heavenly watering!

## *Flowers and Men*

“Why is it,” asked a small boy, his eyes wide with wonder, “that when I open a flower it dies, but if God does it, it's beautiful?”

I searched for an answer, when he exclaimed, “I know! It's because God always works from the inside.” I realized why Jesus used a little child to teach wisdom to the “wise.”

Books and songs and sermons have been written about Divine Love. But a child does not ask “What is love?” He merely climbs into a pair of arms and whispers with sweet simplicity, “I love you Father.” A child thinks from his heart, the concepts unfolding, one by one, like petals of a flower.

If Divine Love is enthroned in a man's heart, his love, too, will open outward, until finally there is beauty, like a flower, capable of producing fruit. The heart is not visible to the human eye, and sometimes human patience would fail at the slowness of the bud to open. Outside force will produce an unnatural flower, as dead as though it never lived at all. God always works from within – with flowers, and with men.

*-From: The Log*

## *Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)*

### **Why Receive Jesus Christ?**

*-By: Pastor Cas Reeves*

*Why should a person receive Jesus Christ? If you're saved you know why; you know its importance, and it is a blessing to you. But for those considering it, here are some reasons:*

- I. Because God Loves You
  - A. His love demonstrated first
  - B. His love sacrificial

- II. Because it is God's Plan for Man
  - whosoever
- III. Because God has Made it Possible by Faith
  - access is the same for all
- IV. Because of God's Warning - Perish
  - A. the possibility of perishing
  - B. the point of final judgment in the future
- V. Because of God's Promise
  - A. of everlasting life
  - B. of becoming a son of God (John 1:12)

*Have you received Jesus Christ yet as your Savior? If not, you need to before it's too late. You have no promise of tomorrow.*

## *:) Children For Christ :)*

### **DEVOTIONAL TIME**

**Memory Verse:** James 4:17 – Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Quiet Bible reading (*reading the Bible by yourself in your room, etc.*) should be a part of devotional time. Read it daily. It will help do the following for you.

1. Keep your heart pliable and warm
2. Give God a chance to speak to you from His Word.
3. Instruct you in the important things of life.
4. It will help to keep you in good fellowship with God.

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Dear reader, ask your parents to help you create a daily quiet Bible reading schedule. It will help you honor God, your parents and others.

<p><b>“We lose what on ourselves we spend, we have as treasures without end, Whatever, Lord, to Thee we lend Who givest all.</b>  <i>-C. Wordsworth</i></p>	<p><b>“If God is a reality, and the soul a reality, and you are an immortal being, what are you doing with your Bible shut?”</b>  <i>-Herrick Johnson</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Success in Life</u></b>  <i>G. Campbell Morgan</i></p> <p>The greatest victory obtainable in this life is that of fulfilling the possibilities of personality, and the greatest defeat is that of failure in this direction. Recognizing that every individual life is a creation of God, having its own peculiar forces and values, we assert that the fulfilling of life consists in realizing to the full the life bestowed.</p>	<p><b>Praises</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Praise God for His amazing matchless grace bestowed upon all men!</li> </ul> <p><b>Prayer Requests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job and living situation needs for Bro. Craig and Andrew</li> <li>• Pray for Pastor Gary Freeman (Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA) who is battling colon cancer.</li> <li>• Needs of New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA</li> <li>• Needs of Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA</li> <li>• Missionary Tim Hawes (To Papua New Guinea) (Church Planting, Bible Translation, Agricultural Development)</li> <li>• Brother Bill Moore of Heritage Baptist Church (Health needs)</li> <li>• Those affected by the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines</li> <li>• Pray for the condition of this nation following the abomination that has occurred with the DOMA decision.</li> <li>• Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church</li> <li>• Pray for salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th.</li> <li>• Salvation of Brother Andrew Lacroix's family</li> <li>• Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)</li> </ul>

**MILK FOR THE MEAT EATERS**  
**(A Daily Email Devotional By Brother Andrew Lacroix)**

Dear Hunger For Truth Readers,

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***Thank you for reading this. We praise God for all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ and we greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!***

***His Servants,***

***Craig Glickman      Andrew Lacroix***

***Prov. 3:5-6***

***1 Thes. 5:18***

