

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Matthew 11.

Proverbs 1:15 "My son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths. . ." (ESV)

As many of you know, my wife has chicken. In fact, she has about 30 chickens. At night, she puts them away into the chicken house, and during the daytime, they are put out into the chicken run and out to free-range around the fenced-in orchard. When they are let out to free-range, she has one chicken, Peaches, who will always fly over the 5 foot fence, while all the other chickens remain in the enclosure.

Sometimes, I wonder what this one chicken thinks (probably not much). Is she proud that she can and does fly over? Is she picked on and wants to get away from the other girls? Does she see that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence? Why does she fly out every day?

In the above verse, I think Solomon is warning his children that "Bad people corrupt good morals" and to guard against who influences their decisions. As parents and friends, we should give good council to guard over others who not only could be influenced by bad people, but by those who present a lifestyle that is contrary to what one truly believes.

Once one begins to walk the road that leads to destruction, it is so hard to change direction and correct one's decisions. Solomon warns to completely stay away and to avoid those who lead to harm. To "hold back your foot" means to not even walk near the path that leads to harm. Don't even listen to a word from those who would harm you.

So, why does Peaches get out? I'm not sure. Maybe she doesn't want to be corrupted by bad chickens. (Haha)