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Proverbs 22:24, **“Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.”**

Society has changed since I was a boy raised up in the country. There was a church key which not only would fit the doors of our home, but probably over half in the community where we lived. There was an old saying that went like this, *“Locked doors are to keep the honest man out.”* I always had a problem with that saying because I was raised to believe that an honest man would not go into your home (for the wrong reason) anyway unless they were invited.

Consider your home as being yourself. When we invite someone to be our friend, or when we spend time with them, it’s inviting them into our lives. If you invite a thief into your home, most of us would agree, you are asking for trouble. The same goes for those with whom we make friendships. Today it is dangerous enough, but to go out of our way to invite trouble is not wise. There is no telling what an angry man will do. But, a furious man is worse. Proverbs 22:24 has Solomon warning us not to be around the angry, nor go anywhere with those that cannot control themselves and are furious for any reason. The end result will not be good.

Solomon said, **“Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.”** A snare binds up whatever it has entrapped. Born again children of God have been **“...made free from sin”** (Romans 6:18, 22) and do not need to go back under any kind of bondage again. The Lord has given us the knowledge we need to rightfully discern between which people we should be around lest we learn their ways (get caught up) and suffer the consequences. Our bodies are **“...the temple of the living God”** (II Corinthians 6:16), therefore the Lord and His children are to be the ones we dwell and walk with. They are the ones we should invite into our house (presence), not the angry and furious of this world who can not or will not control their actions. Why not purchase (without money) the best security system there is (the presence of the Lord), for He has promised to take care of us. Christ Jesus has released us from the snare of **“the law of sin and death”** (Romans 8:2) and is our

KEY to protect us. Open your house (your self) to the environment of righteousness, not to that which ensnares. Think About IT!