



**TRAIL TIP:**

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**Did you ever hear the Western saying:**

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It says that just because everyone else is doing something; that does NOT mean you are supposed to do it, too.

**1 Timothy 6:11**

*But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.*



**Illustration:**

Ask one student to leave the room. Then draw three lines of EQUAL length on a white board. Label them as A, B, & C. To make it interesting, draw them at different angles on the board.

Instruct the kids in the room with you that you are going to play a trick on the student who has stepped out. Show them that ALL three lines are of equal length. When the student comes back, you are going to have that student pick out the "longer" line on the board.

The students in the room are to help you with the trick. They are to point out that line B is the longer line.

Invite the one student back into the room. Have the student look carefully at the lines. Then let the students "encourage" him/her to choose line B. MOST of the time the student will choose Line B and at the very least will choose one of the lines.



**Point made.** They are all the same length. Peer pressure has won out.

The crowd can lead you wrong. Just because everyone else is jumpin' into the creek doesn't mean you have to!

**Proverbs 1:10**

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