Dangers to Our Soul

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INTRODUCTION

- And so, as a parent, much of what you try to do, isn't it, is just to help your children survive.
- Physical is good. … spiritual exercise, exercising ourselves to godliness was far more important.
- But this morning I want to talk to you about spiritual dangers. Dangers to our soul.

1 Informational Dangers: Doctrine

2 Timothy 3:16–17; Matthew 6:22–23

- All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- We live in a world unprecedented in history. Our access to information. It's literally at our fingertips.
- That flood of information is dangerous in a few ways. Number one is it's so much harder for us to just have quiet time.
- A lot of it's just garbage. So we need to be careful what floods our minds and the information that we feed it.
- The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness.
- If it's two different sources, if it's the world and God, then there's going to be that darkness, that confusion, that blurriness.

2 Behavioral Dangers

Acts 3:19

- One of the lies the devil tells us, and is wanting to convince our world that our behavior doesn't matter.
- But that's a danger to our soul. God cares about our conduct. He cares about what we do and who we are.
- Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that the times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.
- Two conversions take place when we become a child of God. One is instantaneous and powerful. It's a change of status.
- Be converted here, he's talking about change your behavior.
- It's going to be a continuous conversion and struggle as we grow and we develop new and better habits.

3 Emotional Attitude Dangers

Proverbs 23:7

- Behavior matters, yes. But God has never wanted marionettes.

- The IRS wants your money. They don't want your love.
- Is he going to accept a check without any feeling and attitude behind it? If you think so, then you don't know God. God has always wanted the heart of his people.
- The Proverb writer says in Proverbs 23 and verse 7, as a man thinks in his heart, so is he.
- His commandments are not burdensome. … They're not burdensome because they come from a place of love.
- If his commandments are burdensome to you, if you find it difficult to serve and to do those things … then I challenge you to get closer to God.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you come to Christ this morning? Would you give your heart to Him?

MY NOTES