Warning Signs

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INTRODUCTION

- Warning signs are important in other aspects of our lives.
- But are there warning signs about our spiritual life? And what are some of them?

1 Worship Services Kind of Bore You

Psalm 122:1; Malachi 1:12–13

- One warning sign is that worship services kind of bore you. That they're just not that important to you.
- I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
- You also say, Oh, what a weariness, and you sneer at it, says the Lord of hosts.
- Or is God going to condemn us because that was a warning sign of a greater underlying spiritual condition.

2 Lack of Participation in the Work of the Church

Ephesians 1; Ephesians 4

- Another warning sign is my lack of participation in the work of the church.
- Whether you are a five talent person or a one talent person, you are to use whatever talents, whatever abilities, skills, monies, whatever it is, to the glory of God.
- Little or no participation in the work of the local church indicates a very dangerous warning sign.
- It's the body of Christ. A body that functions only as the members of that body function.

3 Little Interest in Saving Souls

1 Corinthians 9:19–23

- If I have little or no interest in saving others, why? Is it because I don't care about others?
- For though I'm free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I may win the more.
- I become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.
- And a lack of interest in this area should be troubling.

4 Just Negative Toward Others

Galatians 5:13–15; Hebrews 12:14–15

- Is that when I'm just negative toward others? When that seems to be my default attitude toward my brothers and sisters in Christ.
- But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another.
- Lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.
- When we start knocking the worship services, when we start just being negative and bitter, you know what we're doing? We're trying to rationalize in our own mind, walking away and leaving.

5 Worldly Things Attract Us More Than Spiritual Things

James 1:12

- Another warning sign is when worldly things attract us more than spiritual things.
- Blessed is the man who, when he endures temptation, for when he is approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those that love him.
- Enduring temptation demands that we love the Lord.
- Enduring temptation is really just a choice. Which do I love most?

6 The Fire Is Gone

Revelation 2:4

- Another warning sign is that the fire is gone. The zeal that I once had is not there anymore.
- Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you've left your first love.
- That love that you showed at first, that zeal, that interest, that being on fire for the Lord, is just not there anymore.
- You haven't completely left the Lord. But you kind of have.

THE CHALLENGE

Be looking for those signs in your own life so that you might grow and renew your faith and strengthen your faith every day.

MY NOTES