



WARNINGS I SHOULD NOT IGNORE - COLOSSIANS 2:1-10

1. Watch out for division (v.1-3)

[For my concern is] that their hearts may be braced (comforted, cheered, and encouraged) as they are knit together in love, that they may come to have all the abounding wealth and blessings of assured conviction of understanding, and that they may become progressively more intimately acquainted with and may know more definitely and accurately and thoroughly that mystic secret of God, [which is] Christ (the Anointed One).

Colossians 2:2 (AMP)

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

Ephesians 4:2-3 (NLT)

2. Watch out for deception (v.4-5).

These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (NLT)

A time will come when people will not listen to accurate teachings. Instead, they will follow their own desires and surround themselves with teachers who tell them what they want to hear.

2 Timothy 4:3 (GOD'S WORD)

3. Watch out for distraction (v.6-10).

Ways to avoid distractions:

- **Follow after Jesus**

- **Grow deep in Jesus**

Blessed is the person who does not follow the advice of wicked people, take the path of sinners, or join the company of mockers. Rather, he delights in the teachings of the LORD and reflects on his teachings day and night. He is like a tree planted beside streams— a tree that produces fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither. He succeeds in everything he does.

Psalm 1:1-3 (GOD'S WORD)

- **Build on Jesus**

Because you have these blessings, do your best to add these things to your lives: to your faith, add goodness; and to your goodness, add knowledge; and to your knowledge, add self-control; and to your self-control, add patience; and to your patience, add service for God; and to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love. If all these things are in you and are growing, they will help you to be useful and productive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:5-8 (NCV)

- **Overflow with Jesus**

Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'

John 7:38 (NLT)

- **Submit to Jesus**