

LIFE

Group Study Guide
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Colossians 3:16
“Warning Signs”

Opening:

- What was a recent warning sign you ignored?
- What was a warning sign you wished you had obeyed?
- What was a warning sign that saved you from injuring or death?

DIG

Read Colossians 3:16 *Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and ADMONISH*

- ✚ Admonish means to warn or urge
- ✚ What is the difference between tough advice and to admonish?
- ✚ Since the Bible is full of great admonitions, why do many Christians not follow them?
- ✚ Think of the last time you were in situation of admonition. How did you (or they) respond to the admonition? Draw some parallels to that situation to how many react to the admonitions of the Bible?


To accept admonition requires HUMILITY





Read: 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Proverbs 11:2

- ✚ From the above verses, how was Paul a great godly example?

To act upon admonition requires WORK

Read: Philippians 2:12-13

Five Biblical Warning Signs for a Christian	
<p>Life What did Moses mean that God’s word are not just idle words but life? Practically, what are some ways to hide the Word of God in our hearts? What is the connection between following God’s commands and finding God? Jesus describes the Word of God as food and other times as drink. - Have you ever been through a spiritual drought? How have you been refreshed? What does God expect from all his children?</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 32:46-47 Psalms 119:11 1st Chronicles 28:8-9 John 4:32-34 Hebrews 5:12-14</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Service</p> <p>Why isn't being lukewarm better than being cold in the spirit? How does being lukewarm make us poor? (think of our text Colossians 3:16) How does being lukewarm make us naked? How does being lukewarm make us blind? What is the difference between regret and repentance? When Jesus looks at your spiritual service would he describe it as hot, cold, or lukewarm?</p>	<p>Revelation 3:15-16</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Authentic</p> <p>Hypocrisy means "to be an actor." What areas in your life are the warning signs urging you to be more holy?</p> <p>How would you (or have you) respond (ed) when a non-Christian says that the church is full of a bunch of hypocrites? What is the role of grace in preventing hypocrisy and creating spiritual growth toward holiness?</p>	<p>2 Peter 3:4 Matthew 7:3-4</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Attitude</p> <p>The verses to the right point us to fearing the Lord (reverence and fear). In your opinion, how is our culture exhibiting an attitude that has lost a fear of God? Reflecting on your own attitude, are there any warning signs that you are not heeding in regards to fearing the Lord? Why is the fear of the Lord the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One, understanding (Proverbs 9:10)?</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:26-27 Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 1 Timothy 5:24-25 1 Samuel 12:24</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Conscience</p> <p>How is the conscience a warning sign? Why is the conscience not always reliable? What did David mean in his lesson today that a 21 year old Christian's conscience may be more reliable than a 55 year old conscience?</p>	<p>Acts 24:16 1 Timothy 4:1-2 Romans 2:14-15 1 Corinthians 4:4</p>

REFLECT:

Read Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as teach and admonish one another . . .

- How has the concentration of this verse over the past three weeks helped you grow spiritually?
- What changes, if any, have you made, to make sure that you doing everything you can to let the word of Christ dwell in you richly?
- Pray for opportunities to teach others about Christ
- Reflect on the warning signs we've gone over tonight and think of one area where you need to be more diligent.

PRAYER REQUESTS