

Here's Your Warning

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There are warnings, and then there are divine warnings (Matthew 2:12; Hebrews 11:7). See if any of these apply to you.

If you do a lot of good; help a lot of people, but only do it to impress others, here's your divine warning: **"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven"** (Matthew 6:1).

If you love the praise of men more than the praise of God, here's your divine warning: **"Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets"** (Luke 6:26).

If you blindly follow everything you hear from religious teachers, here's your divine warning: **"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves"** (Matthew 7:15).

If you're doing, saying, maybe even wearing something that causes others to sin, here's your divine warning: **"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea"** (Matthew 18:6).

If you somehow think that sincerity it all that matters, that it doesn't matter what you believe, here's your divine warning: **"Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God"** (2 John 1:9). And another: **"There is a way that seems right to man, but its end is the way of death"** (Proverbs 14:12).

If you've become overconfident in your ability to handle temptation, here's your divine warning: **"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak"** (Matthew 26:41).

If you've decided that you just can't be content with the things you've got now, here's your divine warning: **"Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses"** (Luke 12:15). And another: **"Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire"** (Ecclesiastes 6:9).

If you've become too harsh and overbearing with your children, here's your divine warning: **"Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged"** (Colossians 3:21).

If you've become the church malcontent, the one who constantly grumbles against his brethren, here's your divine warning: **"Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!"** (James 5:9).

If you believe like so many that you cannot fall from grace, here's your divine warning: **"Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift**

away” (Hebrews 2:1). And another: “**Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience**” (Hebrews 4:11).