

A NEEDED WARNING

1. The church today must heed the warnings from the book of Jude.

2 Peter 1:19-21 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 2:7-8 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Proverbs 25:26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

2. A loving pastor will warn the church about error and apostasy.

John 10:11-14 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

Matthew 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

John 7:5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

See 1 Corinthians 15:7

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

1 Corinthians 9:5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

3. Your faith is by God, in God and for God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

2 Timothy 3:1-2 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves...

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

4. You must take a courageous stand against doctrinal error.

John 15:18-20 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they

have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

5. You can have mercy, peace, and love even as you courageously stand for the truth.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Revelation 2:2, 6, 4 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.