

Warnings Issued in Scripture:

Daniel 5:23—Daniel tells Belshazzar: “you have not honored the God who gives you the breath of life and controls your destiny!”

Ice Breaker Questions:

What is something you like doing in your spare time.

Are you more task oriented or relationship oriented?

Name one of your greatest fears.

You can hang out for a year with any Old Testament Bible character. Which one would you choose?

Intro:

Warnings exist throughout scripture. They serve as a reminder that we live on an evil world where we can get burned. They also serve as a reminder that God is just: He must punish sin, and that we reap what we sow.

Proverbs 1:20-27

“Wisdom shouts in the streets.

She cries out in the public square.

²¹ She calls to the crowds along the main street,
to those gathered in front of the city gate:

²² “How long, you simpletons,
will you insist on being simpleminded?

How long will you mockers relish your mocking?

How long will you fools hate knowledge?

²³ Come and listen to my counsel.

I’ll share my heart with you
and make you wise.

²⁴ “I called you so often, but you wouldn’t come.

I reached out to you, but you paid no attention.

²⁵ You ignored my advice
and rejected the correction I offered.

²⁶ So I will laugh when you are in trouble!

I will mock you when disaster overtakes you—

²⁷ when calamity overtakes you like a storm,

when disaster engulfs you like a cyclone,
and anguish and distress overwhelm you.”

Matthew 5:29-30

If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

Ezekiel 3:17-19

“Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me. When I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. Yet if you have warned the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself.

John 5:14

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 1:7-8

which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

One of my favorite passages of scripture is 2 Chronicles 16:9. But if you read it I context, you will see it the paragraph begins with a stern exhortation:

2 CHronicles 16:7-9

“At that time Hanani the seer came to King Asa and told him, “Because you have put your trust in the king of Aram instead of in the LORD your God, you missed your chance to destroy the

army of the king of Aram. ⁸ Don't you remember what happened to the Ethiopians^[c] and Libyans and their vast army, with all of their chariots and charioteers?^[d] At that time you relied on the LORD, and he handed them over to you. ⁹ The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. What a fool you have been! From now on you will be at war."

1 John 5:21

Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

Acts 2:40

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

Romans 2:8-9

But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness. ⁹ There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might

Matthew 10:32-33

"Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.

Ezekiel 33:9

But if you warn them to repent and they don't repent, they will die in their sins, but you will have saved yourself.