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## **Warnings**

Red lights in life that signal us of impending danger. They exist in all parts of life. Sirens scream as a marriage starts to sour; alarms blare when a faith weakens; flares go up to alert us of morals being compromised.

They manifest themselves in a variety of ways: guilt, depression, rationalizations. A friend might confront. A scripture might sting. A burden might prove too heavy. Regardless of how they may arrive, warnings come with the same purpose. To alert. To wake up.

**Sticking Your Nose in Other People's Business:** Like one who seizes a dog by the ears is a passer-by who meddles in a quarrel not his own. (*Proverbs 26:17*)

**Dust Covered Bibles:** We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. (*Hebrews 2:1*)

**Secret Things That You Think Will Go Unnoticed:** Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (*Galatians 6:7*)

**Poor Selection of a Mate:** It is better to dwell in the wilderness than with a contentious and angry woman. (*Proverbs 21:19*)

**The Poisoning Effect of Gossip:** The words of a gossip are like chosen morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts. (*Proverbs 26:22*)

**Careless Choice of Companions:** Bad company corrupts good character. (*1 Corinthians 15:33*)

**And Three Warnings About Ignoring Warnings:** Cease listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge. (*Proverbs 19:27*)

**Divine Warnings:** All inspired by God and tested by time. They are yours to do as you wish. They are red lights on your dashboard. Heed them and safety is yours to enjoy. Ignore them and you will be praying one of those, "Oh Lord, help me out of this mess prayers."

**God Bless, Paul**

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