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Beware

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Matthew 16:12, Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Mark 12:38 And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces

Luke 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consist not in the abundance of the things which he possesses.

II Peter 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

In each of the four passages above, there is a different matter that we ought to beware of. The word "beware" means to be "cautious, or vigilant." (Webster Handy College Dictionary)

Perhaps, we are apt to be overly cautious relative to certain things, while being less caution or suspicions of others--which are really as/or perhaps even more important. I see that some people are cautious about accepting certain "sound doctrines" than they are listening to and heeding things that are not scriptural.

1. We ought to beware of doctrines that did not come from God. Galatians 1:8 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

2. We ought to beware of those who would go to great length to display their religious piety in public, but show their ungodliness in private! Matthew 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves". Is that still something to be cautious about? I believe it is.

Acts 20:29-30, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.³⁰ Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them". We have been warned, are we aware and understand that such did happen, as stated, and that we have the results among us today? However, do we observe that such is happening among some of God's people today? We should be and keep ourselves from being taken in by such.

3. According to the Lord we should beware of covetousness. Being overly concerned with riches is hurtful, "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition." (1 Tim.6:9) Let us understand that riches in and of itself is not the problem. It is one's attitude toward it and the improper use of such that is the problem.

4. According to the inspired apostle Peter, we should beware of the fact that even though we know better, that we may still fall from our own steadfastness! In other word, knowing is not enough! Knowing is essential but it will not keep one safe, if he/she does not take action that is directed by God in the Holy Scriptures.

Beloved, we have been given the ability, with God's provision to come to the knowledge of what is right and wrong, and to keep ourselves pure by walking in the light of God's revelation. However, we are not forced to do

so. But the consequences of departing from the revealed and approved path are plainly stated. We make the choice of being wise in our own consent or taking the teaching at heart. There is an active creature there who would help us all that is necessary to persuade us to deny the need to say with God's word. He was effective with Eve, the first woman and man, in the garden, and has a long track record. Let us not be taken in by his deceitfulness.

Cereal Sales

By Ross Ward

Do you ever notice how enticing cereal manufactures make their products look on their packaging? As a child I remember begging mom to get those cereals with the tastiest looking pictures. I would get home and pour a bowl of said cereal and stare down in disbelief asking myself: why doesn't this bowl of cereal look like the picture on the box? I naively expected to pour a bowl of cereal that looked just like that picture. Satan has that kind of power in this world. He makes sin look enticing and pleasurable. Sin is anything but satisfying and brings enmity between us and God. Paul warned in 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12; one who lacks the proper love for the truth and takes pleasure in unrighteousness WILL be deceived. This is a great warning for those believe in God and seek to obey him. Now being deceived and disappointing by a bowl of cereal is not a big deal, but if we live our lives for the pleasures of the world, we will be greatly disappointed on the day of judgment. Standing before God in judgment is the wrong time to discover we have been enticed and deceived to err.

Prayer Requests & Announcements

- Ross & Debbie are visiting family in AR and will return for the last Sunday in June
- Brenda and April are traveling to Twin Falls, then Boise for Dr Appointments.
- Keep April in your prayers as she deals with health issues
- The Christians in the Philippines.
- Monday night Bible class on Evangelism postponed till July

For prayer requests, call or text

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Assignments

<u>Today</u> Bible Study – David Porter Song Leader – David Porter Lord’s Table – Tom Mitchell Sermon – Chad Mitchell	<u>Wednesday</u> Bible Study – Tom Mitchell Song Leader – Chad Mitchell Invitation –
<u>Next Sunday</u> Bible Study – David Porter Song Leader – Chad Mitchell Lord’s Table – David Porter Sermon – Tom Mitchell	<u>Next Wednesday</u> Bible Study – Tom Mitchell Song Leader – David Porter Invitation –

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Meeting Times:

Sunday Morning Classes 10:00AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00AM
Wednesday Evening 7:30PM



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