

TAKE HEED TO THYSELF

A Call for Diligence in the Christian Life,
and from “Careless Christianity” in our
Walk and Word

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Berean Study Bible

- ◆ Pay close attention to your life and to your teaching. Persevere in these things, for by so doing you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Previous Mention in Scripture

◆ OT

- ◆ Exod 34:12 Take heed to thyself lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest
- ◆ Deut. 4:9 - Take heed to thyself and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget
- ◆ Deut. 12:13 Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place
- ◆ Deut. 12:30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them...

◆ NT

- ◆ Luke 11:35: Take heed that the light which is in thee be not darkness
- ◆ 1 Cor 3:10 -12...Let each one take heed how he builds on it

TAKE HEED

- ◆ **Take heed:** Heb. – “shamar”: to keep, guard, observe, give heed, keep watch, to be on ones guard (watchman)
- ◆ Greek – “epecho” - to have or hold upon, to observe, attend to, to check
- ◆ its a call to be **diligent** and have keen spiritual discernment regarding our self-checkup and the responsibility we have to ensure that we are fit and qualified by our life impart teaching to others.
- ◆ Example the Lords Words in Luke 6:41, 42

Scenario and Target

- the latter times

v1 -the Sad Tide - departure from the Faith

- ◆ The pull - Seducing Spirits
- ◆ The Push - doctrines of demons

v2-3 The deadly teachings - from a lying core of false teachers

- Their false doctrinal message - marriages / meats / consecration

v4-5 - These fundamental principles were established by the Lord at the foundation of the church with eh messages given to the one to whom the Lord gave

- ◆ the keys of the kingdom and re-emphasized by the Apostle's teaching. Peters Vision Acts 10, the gathering Acts 15.

THE KEY PIVOT

v6 - the Focus of the believing servant - to be a good minister of Jesus Christ

v 7-8 To be Minister who is exercised unto Godliness - exhibiting piety towards God.

TAKE HEED TO THYSELF

- ◆ 2 Corinthians 3:2-- Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and **read of all men:**
- ◆ Our lives tell a story and the Lord presents these pictures or areas that gives a very vivid picture of the servants of Christ
- ◆ they represent the tests for preachers and teachers and young believers

AREA OF FOCUS

◆ TAKE HEED TO THYSELF

- ◆ MY LIFE

- ◆ MY CHARACTER

◆ TAKE HEED TO THE DOCTRINE

- ◆ MY DOCTRINE

- ◆ MY TEACHING (THAT IMPART)

My Life – 1 Tim 4:12

- ◆ my word (my speech - what I say, how I say what I say) Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. (Col. 4:6)
- ◆ my Manner of life (conduct): behavior which conveys
 - ◆ One's public Life - what people see - our reputation - the public perception
 - ◆ My private Life i.e. - what people don't see - our integrity - is what you do when no one is watching
- ◆ my Love - manward:
 - ◆ Brotherly love, my affection that I show to others, the good that I bestow, benevolence. Our motivation is Christ - for he has shed his love abroad in our hearts - Rom. 5:5
 - ◆ we have the divine nature which he says will vividly display that we are his disciples by our love John 13:35
- ◆ Godward - our love for Christ and for His people - If ye love me do what I say John 14:15,21

My Character

- ◆ **my spirit** (what kind spirit am I)
 - ◆ for the man: But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed Me fully, Numb. 14:24; Luke 9:54-56
 - ◆ for the woman a meek and quiet spirit 1 Pet. 3:4
- ◆ **my faith** - my conviction based on truth resident in the word of God
- ◆ **my purity** - chaste/morally clean in the physical sense/ Levitical/spiritual sense /ethically
- ◆ - being undefiled or unspotted from the flesh James 1:27

TAKE HEED TO THE DOCTRINE/TEACHINGS

- ◆ OUR DOCTRINE - didaskalia - the precepts / teachings - that which is taught vv. 13/14
- ◆ OUR TEACHING v11 - didasko - to hold discourse with others/ to impart instruction to expound a thing
- ◆ take heed to the content of the teaching
- ◆ being mindful of the impact of the taught or the ones being taught.
- ◆ do this with extreme care that the teacher is impacted first. first reached.

THE SOURCES v13

- ◆ Give Attendance (of Take Heed to)
- ◆ Reading (public and private Reading of the scripture)
- ◆ Exhortation - the comfort and encouragement building up of the saints
- ◆ doctrine - the teachings/precepts / instructions that tis imparted for our good of the saints

TAKE HEED TO CONTINUE IN THEM

- ◆ - to stay with the things that are being taught - to maintain them - 2 Tim 1:14 - keep by the holy spirit....
- ◆ to not depart from them - DEMAS has forsaken me. 2 Tim 4:10
- ◆ to ensure you are rooted and grounded in the truth – Eph. 3:17
- ◆ to not be moved from the placed that God has placed you / to abide fast - Ruth / to stand your ground - shammah 2 Sam 23:11,12

the formula and the results

- ◆ For in doing this
- ◆ \Rightarrow thou shalt save thyself - When we do - we save
/ preserve ourselves and our testimony
- ◆ \Rightarrow Thou shalt save them that here thee - others will also
do / they too will be saved, kept safe

Take heed on the impact of the taught

There is much at stake

◆ The Servant

◆ His Life

Cannot be one of hypocrisy

◆ His walk

cannot be one of corruption

◆ His Ways

cannot be one of departure

◆ His beliefs

cannot be one of falsity

◆ His Hearers

◆ Their Lives

wont be one of lead one to doubt

◆ their walk

wont go astray

◆ their stance

to remain firm

◆ their beliefs

would not turn away from the faith

Finally

- ◆ Let us ‘take heed to ourselves, and keep our souls diligently’ to remind ourselves of important our lives are to the Lord and be mindful of the impact that it can have on the young generation who are looking at us
- ◆ 1 Cor 3:10-12 that is why Paul is concerned that Christians **“take heed”** and **“be careful”** in their Christian lives