

SECOND PETER CHAPTER 1

Lesson 22

TAKE HEED

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“Whereunto ye do well that ye take heed” (vs. 19)

Heed: to pay attention to (advice, a warning, etc.); to give consideration or attention to.

Christians are admonished to take heed to what the Scriptures say. This admonition is often repeated in the Bible. If we will obey this admonition, it will help us in every area of our life and protect us from harmful choices.

THREE THINGS GOD DOES IN THE LIFE OF EVERY PERSON.

1. God, in grace, warns in advance and guides in advance. This is for our protection and will help us to live a fulfilling and blessed life if we'll heed the warning and go the way that God directs.
2. God does not interfere with our lives. God allows you to make choices in your life—and then live with the consequences of your choices, good or bad.
3. God, in righteousness, gives all men the fruit of their choices, whether it be Heaven, righteousness, truth, peace, and joy, -- or Hell, scorning, derision, hatred, and sin.

God provided us with the Scriptures to give us light and to warn us of harmful things so that we can avoid them. –If we ignore God's warnings and end up getting hurt as a result, why should we blame God?

The admonition in Second Peter 1:19 goes beyond advising you to have a Bible in your possession. You must take HEED to what it says. Pay careful attention to the warnings and direction provided in that Bible.

HEBREWS 1:8-2:1 We ought to *take heed* to the Word of God because it will endure when everything else perishes. Things in the world are always changing, but the Word of God never changes.

ACTS 8:5-8 We ought to *take heed* to the Word of God because it will result in great joy. The Word of God is the only thing that has the power to overcome the influence of the Devil in any community as well as any individual life.

PSALM 119:9 We ought to *take heed* to the Word of God because it can make you clean in a dirty world. It will keep the rebellious spirit in you (especially young people) under control.

1CORINTHIANS 3:10 We ought to take heed to the Word of God because it will help us build upon the foundation of our life. We can build a strong marriage, career, children, thought life, etc. Whatever you build in your life, you have to live with it later. You'll want to do it right today so you can enjoy it tomorrow.

1 CORINTHIANS 8:9 We ought to take heed to what the Bible says about our example. Presidents, politicians, social leaders, school teachers, policemen, fathers, mothers, and preachers are all supposed to set a good example. Someone is learning how to live by watching you. The Bible will show us how to make sure we're setting the right example.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:12 We ought to take heed to the Word of God because if we don't, we could fall; we could go wrong.

GALATIANS 5:15 We ought to take heed to the Word of God so that we don't destroy the church through our unresolved problems in our relationships with the brethren. The members of the church cause serious damage by "consuming" their brothers and sisters.

HEBREWS 3:12-13 We ought to take heed to the Scriptures DAILY because we are DAILY exposed to sinful things in this world that will deceive us. Those things will harden our heart, cause us to doubt the Bible, and lead to a total departure from following God.
