### My Soul Concern

### Warnings

- Led into sin, fall into trap, Mt.13:21
- Led astray, Ga.2:13
- Shaken, 1 Th.3:3
- Go astray; overthrow, 2 Tim.2:18
- Turn away, turn aside, 2 Tim.4:4 (1 Tim.5:15)
- Drift; gradually give up belief in truth, Hb.2:1
- Waver, swerve, Hb.10:23
- Drawn away, a 'pull,' Ja.1:14
- Leave first love, Rv.2:4

#### **Deductions**

- 1. No one is fall-proof, 1 Co.9:27; 10:12.
- 2. Past strength no guarantee of present, Ga.2.
- 3. Apostasy often a gradual process, Hb.2:1.
- 4. Apostasy often due to tyranny of urgent, Hb.2:1.
- 5. Each responsible for own salvation, Ja.1:14.
- 6. If not growing, we are slowing, Rv.2:4.
- 7. Bad doctrine and bad morals are equally perilous (list).

### Daily dangers should cause soul concern

# I. Despise Bible's Restrictions On My Happiness

#### Deut.6:24

And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

Prov.1:8

My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother. Thanks...!

2 Tim.3

Believe this!

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Stay in the lines!

You don't know...

#### Mt.6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Kingdom: rule

Righteousness: forgiveness, purity

First: most important thing in life: give God our undivided loyalty

All these things: v.32

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### II. Delight In Others More Than In Lord

- Ps.63:1-5
- 1. Total person: heart, soul, mind...
- 2. Total love: 'all' heart, 'all' soul...

1: Seek God.

Then what? Mt.22:37

2: Thirst.

Ecclesiastes. Mt.16:24-26

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## III. Desire Other Things Over Worship

#### Ps.119:111

'Either this Book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Book'

Ps.122:1, 6

Do we consider ourselves deprived when away from worship?

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### IV. Dislike Brothers And Sisters

### Judgment, Mt.25:31...40

- Jesus judges on basis of unselfish 'little things' of daily life
  - Thoughts of others
  - Words to others
  - Deeds for others
- Ep.5:29-30

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### V. Disdain Giving To God's Work

- 1: 'grace': 10x in chap.8-9
  - Credits God's grace for their generosity
  - They are His 'work of art'
  - Paul would understand

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  - Wrong! They suffered affliction and poverty, but were more concerned for others

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  - All-volunteer force for good

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- 5: how to explain their generosity?

First gave themselves to Lord

2 Cor. 9:6-7

### Remedy for these concerns – Lk.15

- 1. Remember, v.17.
- 2. Repent, v.18.
- 3. Return, v.20.
- 4. Reveal, 21.
- 5. Rejoice, v.24, 32.