



**Some Stupid Things We Do To  
Mess Up Our Lives!  
Psalms 119:9-16**



# **Have You Noticed How Many Warnings There Are In Life?**

**You Will Not Get Home From Church Without A  
Warning Of Some Kind!**

**Speed Limits, Stop Signs**

**Road Hazards(Malfunction Junction!)**

**Most Products We Purchase Have Warnings On Them,  
Concerning Improper Use**


**A fishing lure had a warning label- “Harmful if Swallowed”**

**A container of deodorant warned- “Don’t spray in eyes”**

**Laser printer cartridge warned-“Do not drink the ink!”**



# Warnings Can Go Unheeded!

- How many times have we heard the warning, “Don’t drink and drive,” but it still happens that a drunk driver caused an accident that killed someone!
  - How many times have we heard warnings about the dangers of illegal and prescription drugs, and then we hear about somebody who died of an overdose, or became addicted to drugs that ruined their lives!
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# Observations

**God's Word Reveals His Love and Plans  
for Us**

**The Bible Tells Us Of God's Plans For Our Salvation**

**BUT**

**It's A Book Full Of Cautions and Warnings**

**It Tells Us How We Can Escape Consequences  
That It Categorizes As Foolish and Stupid!**

# Observations

- We live in a fallen world (Romans 5:12)
- There is going to be some trouble, hardship, even sin, in everybody's life (Romans 3:23)
- But if we walk wholeheartedly with Jesus, by devoting our lives to His principles, I believe that we can escape many of the hardships, sins, and trouble that we otherwise would have to deal with
- There is no guarantee of total bliss every day, even with the Lord, but things go better when we follow the Lord (Psalms 37:23-25)



# The Word Of God Very Clear:

## There are Consequences for Doing Stupid Things!

- Doing Stupid Things doesn't mean you are stupid
- It really doesn't necessarily have anything to do with intelligence
- It just means that you are capable of doing stupid things
- The term "Foolish," used in the Bible, is not a synonym for stupid but it is close



# Observations

- **Foolish-Resulting from or showing a lack of sense, ill-considered; unwise, lacking forethought or caution, stupid**
- **Dictionary Synonyms for Foolish: Senseless, vacant, silly, simple, witless, inane, lack of judgment or common sense**
- **Folly is another word for stupidity or foolishness**



## Look at Proverbs 5:21-23

*“For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, And He ponders all his paths (the things we do, our conduct, our way of life, the choices we make).*

*His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, And he is caught in the cords of his sin.*

*He shall die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray (death is the reward of the undisciplined life)”*





# I See Two Motivations to Avoid a Life Of Sin in This Passage


**#1 God Sees (He sees our hearts, actions)**

**Hebrews 4:12**

**#2 There is the Warning that Sin Is Like a Cord That Ties Us Up! We lose our freedom, Proverbs 5:22 (e.g., Kelley, Cosby, Watkins, Madoff, Prince, Michael Jackson)**

**(Medicare Questions may haunt you)**

**1John 2:15-17 God links the “stupid decisions” of these men above into three categories (“*Love not the world....*”)**



## Proverbs 12:1 (NKJV)

*“Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge,  
But he who hates correction is stupid.”*

- **Cautions and warnings can at times be correctional**
- **If you hate to be corrected or warned, the Bible says you are stupid! (you are not infallible, Romans 3:23)**
- **When Christians correct you, it's not about looking personally smart, it's about making you better**



# Things Christians Do To Mess Up Their Lives!

## **#1 WE NEGLECT GOD'S WORD!**

*“How can a young person stay on the path of purity  
(live a clean life)? “livin’ your best life”*

*By living according to your Word. I seek you with all  
my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I  
have hidden your word in my heart that I might not  
sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord; teach me  
your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that  
come from your mouth.” Psalms 119:9-13*



# Observations:

- **The word neglect means to be oblivious of, from want of memory or attention**
- **The key is that we are not oblivious to the word of God because we can't get our hands on a Bible. Most of us have more than one Bible in our homes**
- **The problem is that we don't pay attention to it. We don't give it the place in our lives that it deserves**
- **Of course we can hear the word of God without ever reading it ourselves (that's what you are doing now)**



**BUT!**

**SUNDAY MORNING PREACHING ISN'T ENOUGH  
SUNDAY NIGHT PREACHING ISN'T ENOUGH  
WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY ISN'T ENOUGH**


**WE NEED TO BE IN THE WORD  
OURSELVES!**






**Psalms 119:11**

***EVERY MORAL QUESTION WE  
ARE FACED WITH SHOULD  
REMINDE US OF A SCRIPTURAL  
PRINCIPLE WE HAVE  
MEMORIZED IN OUR HEARTS!***





# Matthew 7:26 Talks About the Second Part Of Neglect

## Not Putting God's Word Into Practice!

*“But everyone who hears these sayings of mine and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.”*

- Anyone who builds a house will tell you they need a firm foundation
- If we know God's word, and don't practice it, we are more worse off than if we had never read it and therefore we can mess up our lives (James 1:22-25)



# The Plan Of Salvation



**Hear the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Believe the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Repent Of Sins**

**Acts 17:30**

**Confess Christ**

**Acts 8:37**

**Be Baptized**

**Acts 8:38**