



“TAKE HEED THAT NO ONE DECEIVES
YOU.” – MARK 13:5

Take Heed

FIVE WARNINGS (5 D'S)

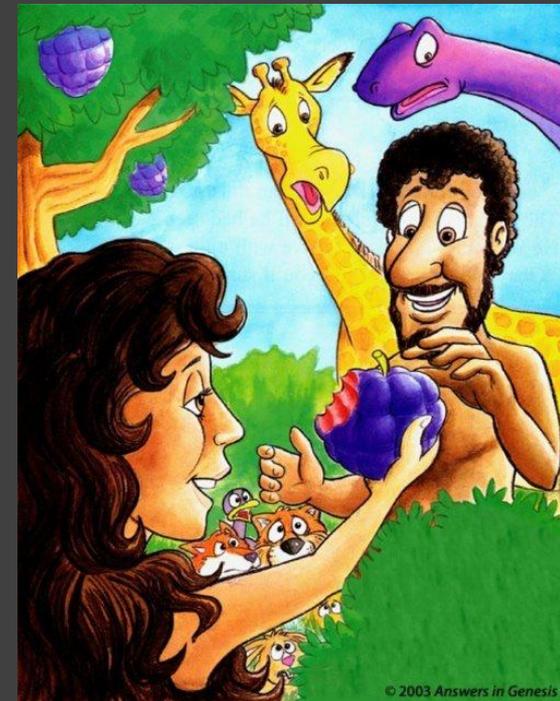
1. Do not be...Deceived

“For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many.” (Mk. 13:6)

Deceive = to believe something that is not true, or to believe something false as if were true

EX: Adam & Eve

KEY: Reminders



2. Do not be...Despaired

“But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet.” (Mk. 13:7)

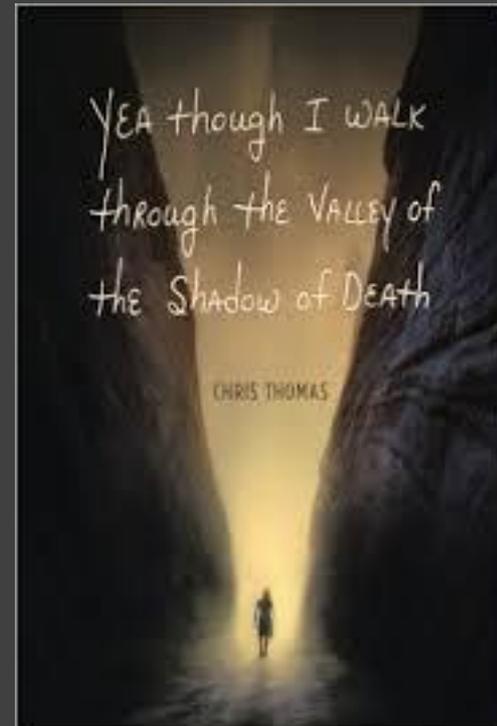
EX: Jeremiah

- “Cursed be the day in which I was born... Why did I come forth from the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?”
(Jer. 20:14,18)

“Light is most radiant in darkness.”
(St. John Chrysostom)

KEY: The Shepherd

- “Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” (Ps. 23:4)



3. Do not be...Defeated

“But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.” (Mk. 13:9)

EX: Three Holy Youth

KEY: This is not the End

- “...our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. 18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.” (Dan. 3:17-18)
- “And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.” (Lk. 12:4)



4. Do not be...Doubtful



“But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.” (Mk. 13:23)

EX: St. Thomas

- “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” (Jn. 20:27)
- “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.” (Mt. 20:18-19)

KEY: Trust in the Lord’s words

- “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.” (Mk. 13:31)

5. Do not be...Distracted



“...he who endures to the end shall be saved.” (Mk. 13:13)

“Do not love the world or the things in the world...for the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” (1 Jn. 2:15,17)

EX: St. Peter walking on water

- But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Matt. 14:30-31)

KEY: Focus

- If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. (Col. 3:1-2)

Summary

Five Warnings

1. Deceived
 - KEY: Reminders
2. Despair
 - KEY: The Shepherd
3. Defeated
 - KEY: This is not the End
4. Doubtful
 - KEY: Trust in the Lord's words
5. Distracted
 - KEY: Focus