

3 Warnings are an important part of a loving, healthy, accountable relationship

Agree? Examples

☐☐☐ Hebrews = pastoral letter w. real warnings

2 BIG PICTURE WARNINGS

1 BIBLICAL WARNINGS ARE REAL

☐☐☐ There is a very real + present danger
"drift from what you have heard" (2:1), "falling away from the living God" (3:12), "dull of hearing," (5:11), "unskilled in the WORD of righteousness" (5:13), "fallen away" (6:6), "Land bears thorns + thistles is worthless, and near being cursed, and its end is to be burned" (6:8), "sluggish" (6:12).

➡➡➡ Take them seriously! Don't think you are above falling, beyond drifting... Tide

"Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall." 1 Cor. 10:12

Augustine's Parishioner

2 LET THE BIBLE DETERMINE YOUR THEOLOGY, NOT VICE VERSA

Example = "fallen away" (5:6) ▶ can't be Christians b/c "once saved always saved."

↩ Maybe, but let text inform your theology
John Calvin

3 DETAIL WARNINGS

1 Beware of staying spiritually immature

☞☞ Hebrews 5:11 - 6:3

☑ Staying immature, like children... you need milk not solid food

☑ Maturity ▶ powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good + evil.

☑ Maturity ▶ getting a solid foundation of Christian doctrine + practice.
6:1-2 "elementary doctrine of Christ."

Test yourself w. 6:1-2 ... How did you do?

2 BEWARE OF CRUCIFYING ONCE AGAIN THE SON OF ̸... AND HOLDING HIM UP FOR CONTEMPT...

☒☒ Impossible, in the case of those who have

- ☑ once been enlightened
- ☑ tasted of the heavenly gift
- ☑ shared in the Holy Spirit
- ☑ tasted of the goodness of the Word of ̸
- ☑ and the powers of the age to come

And then have fallen away, to restore them to repentance Why? Sobering

They are like "worthless land" 6:7-8

Is it possible for a Christian to lose their salvation?

✎ YES if by Xtian you mean someone who has made a profession of faith w. substantial exp.

✎ NO if by Xtian you mean a born again saint, saved + held by grace "belong to salvation" (vs.9)

3 BEWARE OF SPIRITUAL SLUGGISHNESS

☒☒ Maintain past work + love [Jesus' name]

Jacob's blessing 11:22 in serving the saints (6:9-10) AND Show same earnestness to the end,

Augustine's Deathbed imitate those who through faith + patience inherit the promises.