

# THE PASTOR'S MINUTE

## "Warning Signs" (Part One)



Warning signs. Little red lights that appear on our dashboards. Little squeaks that eventually turn into big squeaks when pressure is applied. These and many more are just signals to make us aware of soon approaching danger. Disaster is sure to be our destination, if we ignore or avoid the warning signs.

In considering spiritual things, we find that God gives us warning signs to alert us of impending danger. The apostle Paul, in writing his second letter to the Corinthian Church, said that *"in order to keep Satan from taking advantage of us, we must not be ignorant of his devices"* (1 Corinthians 2:11). What keeps us from being ignorant? Acknowledging God's warning signs. The apostle Peter, who, at one time, ignored his Master's warning signs and ended up denying Christ, later wrote to a group of struggling believers and specifically instructed them (as well as us today) to *"be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom He may devour"* (1 Peter 5:8). We must be awake and alert in order to recognize these warning signs, and then be quick to observe them.

Keeping in mind that our adversary, the Devil, is seeking whom he may devour, we must face the fact that this "whom" he refers to includes us, especially those who are involved in any area of ministry. In fact, if you are involved in ministry, your name is at the top of Satan's "hit list." Because of this, I want to share with you four things that I have discovered to be warning signs, that when recognized and dealt with, have caused me to overcome and rise above the plans of my adversary, the devil.

**#1 - Fatigue:** Weariness after exertion or hard work. Many people refer to "fatigue" as "burnout". Some say that it comes as a result of being overworked or overextended. Others recognize it as having "too many irons in the fire." The enemy uses it to wear you down; to cause you to grow weary, for then you become weak spiritually and wide open for his broadside attack. He will begin to say to you things like, "You are the only one who works around here." "Nobody cares about your ministry." "You ought to just quit and let somebody else worry about it."

The key to overcoming fatigue is to refuse to allow weariness to set in. The apostle Paul says, *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"* (Galatians 6:9-10). The bottom line is that your strength needs renewing. Isaiah 40:29-31 is your answer to fatigue... *"The Lord giveth power to the faint: and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles: they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."*

See Ya Sunday,  
Pastor Johnny

### Sunday Services

**Sunday School ~ 9:30 AM**  
(at 1400 South Broad Street)  
**Morning Worship ~ 10:45 AM**  
(at Cairo High School Auditorium)  
**Evening Worship ~ 6:00 PM**  
(at Cairo High School Auditorium)

### Wednesday Service

**Small group discipleship classes**  
**for all ages ~ 7:00 PM**  
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