

GOD GIVES THE HEBREW DISCIPLES AND ME A SERIOUS WARNING…

1. **TO LISTEN TO HIS WARNING ABOUT _____ GOD'S _____.**

Try to live in peace with everyone. Try hard to be holy. Without holiness no one will see the Lord [15] *Be sure that no one misses out on God's grace…* **Hebrews 12:15a**

- **I can miss God grace due to _____.**

See to it that a bitter plant doesn't grow up… **Hebrews 12:15b**

- **I can miss God grace due to _____.**

Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal. [17] *You know that afterward, when he wanted his father's blessing, he was rejected. It was too late for repentance, even though he begged with bitter tears.* **Hebrews 12:16** NLT

When you find men who have been enlightened, who have experienced salvation and received the Holy Spirit, who have known the wholesome nourishment of the Word of God and touched the spiritual resources of the eternal world and who then fall away, it proves impossible to make them repent as they did at first. For they are re-crucifying the Son of God in their own souls, and by their conduct exposing him to shame and contempt. **Hebrews 6:6** Phillips

What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? **Mark 8:36**

Keys to not missing it? _____ and _____.

Watch out that no one becomes involved in sexual sin or becomes careless about God as Esau did.. **Hebrews 12:16a** TLB

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But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. [19] *They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them…:* [21] *Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.* [22] *Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools.* **Romans 1:18-21** NLT

- **God's character? Who He is, revealed by what He _____ and _____.**

The bible teaches and says that God is _____ (gracious).

The bible says and shows that God is _____ (just).

Notice how God is both kind and severe... **Romans 11:22a** NLT

The bible says and shows that God is _____ (true to His word).

This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him. [12] *If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us.* [13] *If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, or he cannot deny who he is.* **2 Timothy 2:11-13** NLT

2. **TO LISTEN TO HIS WARNING ABOUT _____ _____ _____.**

You have not come to a physical mountain] to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai… [22] *No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering.* [23] *You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect.* [24] *You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.* [25] *Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, we will certainly not escape if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven!* **Hebrews 12:15-26** NLT

For if God did not spare the original branches, he won't spare you either. [22] *Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in his kindness. But if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off.* [23] *And if the people of Israel turn from their unbelief, they will be grafted in again, for God has the power to graft them back into the tree.* **Romans 11:22, 23** NLT

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion. [16] *Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt?* [17] *And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness?* [18] *And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed?* [19] *So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.* **Hebrews 3:13-19** NIV

The Lord is not slow about enacting His promise—slow is how some people want to characterize it—no, He is not slow but patient and merciful to you, not wanting anyone to be destroyed, but wanting everyone to turn away from following his own path and to turn toward God's. **2 Peter 3:9** VOICE

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on today's message…

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?