



## I Will Beware

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Why Do We Warn People?

Why Does God Warn Us?

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1) Of people who cause division in the church

Romans 16:17

*17 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to **watch out** for those who cause **divisions** and put **obstacles** in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.*

Do I recognize those who cause division (even if it is me)?

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2) Of those who twist the clear teaching of the Bible

Romans 16:17

*17 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are **contrary to the teaching you have learned**. Keep away from them.*

Do I know what the Bible teaches and recognize when it is being twisted?

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3) Of getting too close to people in the Church who are troublemakers

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**What does a trouble maker look like?**

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4) Of those who feed their own appetites rather than serve Jesus

Romans 16:18

*18 For such people are **not serving our Lord Christ**, but their **own appetites**. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.*

**What does self-centered Christianity look like?**

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5) Of people in the Church whose words are deceptive and falsely flattering

Romans 16:18

*18 For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. **By smooth talk and flattery** they **deceive** the minds of naive people.*

**Are my ears tuned in to false speech?**

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6) Of evil and seek that which is good

Romans 16:19

*19 Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be **wise** about what is **good**, and **innocent** about what is evil.*

**Do I believe evil exists and am I tuned in?**

**A clear and strong “Beware!” and warning is a gift!**