

Avoiding Unnecessary Heartbreak

Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.

1. Don't trust people in open rebellion to God.

Fools show their stupidity by the way they live; it's easy to see they have no sense.

Ecclesiastes 10:3 CEV

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. **Psalm 1:1 NLT**

Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law. **Proverbs 29:18 ESV**

2. People's words give them away.

"Who is this fellow David?" Nabal sneered to the young men. "Who does this son of Jesse think he is? There are lots of servants these days who run away from their masters. Should I take my bread and my water and my meat that I've slaughtered for my shearers and give it to a band of outlaws who come from who knows where?" **1 Samuel 25:10-11 NLT**

"...for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." **Luke 6:45 ESV**

3. Listen to the check in your spirit.

The Lord said to Moses: Tell the Israelites to take for me an offering; from all whose hearts prompt them to give you shall receive the offering for me. **Exodus 25:1b-2 NRSV**

Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan...the Spirit led Jesus into the desert. **Luke 4:1 NCV**

And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there. **Acts 20:22 ESV**

Warning: Test the prompting to make sure it agrees with scripture.

Your sins are telling your mouth what to say. Your words are based on clever deception. **Job 15:5 NLT**

4. You do not owe them an explanation.

So Sanballat and Geshem sent a message asking me to meet them at one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But I realized they were plotting to harm me, so I replied by sending this message to them: "I am engaged in a great work, so I can't come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?" **Nehemiah 6:2-3 NAS**

The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in God protects you from that. **Proverbs 29:25 MSG**

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! **Psalms 34:3 ESV**

Message Notes: The Holy Bible, New Living Translation, New American Standard, Contemporary English Version, New Century Version, English Standard Version. The Message, by Eugene Peterson. When People Are Big, and God is Small, by Edward T. Welch. Wikipedia, List of Murdered hip hop artists, The Source, How to Discern Promptings from the Holy Spirit, by Tiom Augustyn, unlockingthebible.org.