

Watch Out Fellows

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I. Introduction.

A. Facing pitfalls should be Bible-based and preventative.

II. Increase.... (Luke 2:52)

A. Intellectually.

B. Physically.

C. Spiritually.

D. Socially.

III. We have to watch out for victory in the Christian life. (Ezekiel 22:30, Isaiah 66:1-2)

A. Some of the silliest things bother us when they should not.

B. Victory is something we will have to work on the rest of our lives.

C. Do not be reluctant to take responsibility, which is doing right without being told. (1 Samuel 14:6-7, 1 Chronicles)

1. Men were confident.

2. They believed God.

3. They thought they were doing right.

4. They were skillful.

5. By nature, they were warriors looking for a fight.

6. Before we would ever have victory we would have to build in wisdom, stature and favor between God and man so that we would be warriors for Jesus Christ.

D. We need victory in the area of selecting a mate.

1. We need to be mature physically, intellectually and socially.

2. Christ needs to be the center of the relationship.

E. Another pitfall is money - not trusting God for finances. Be careful to lean to the left and compromise your morals if you can stand on your own.

IV. Question and answer.

A. Criterion for a wife.

1. A man must be prepared.
2. Our age will determine our criteria.

B. Learn how to abound and be in need. (Philippians 4)

C. It is good to make a thorough study on finances in the Bible. (1 Timothy 5:1-2)

Application questions

1. In what areas are we to grow, and why is this important?

2. What does it mean to take responsibility, and in what areas have you failed to take responsibility?

3. What principles about dating and finances during the message stood out to you? Why?
