

“BE CAREFUL AND KEEP OUT TROUBLE”

Think twice before you leap. Measure twice, cut once. Better be safe, than sorry. Pay attention while walking in wet surfaces. Watch the warning signs while driving a car, *"Caution! Hairpin bends"*, *"Caution! Do not overtake"*. We need to be careful as how we manage our time, handle special materials or use our resources. Wasting time at school is not wise; one will end up crying over split milk. Delicate materials need to be handled with care; we may sustain irreparable loss and damage. There are numerous items which warrants our careful attention or else loss, frustration, tear and loss of peace will conquer us. There are warning signs to spiritual matters also. Bible says — *"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"* (Matthew.16:26). It is a caution about our life in this world. It is more important to pay attention to matters of the soul than gaining the whole world.

There is a story of a rich farmer in the Bible (Luke.12:16-21). He worked hard and he got a good harvest. He enjoyed the comfort of life thoroughly. That man said — *"What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops? So he said I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink and be merry."*

The above rich man was proud of his gain. He used the word "my" liberally, "My harvest", "My warehouse", and "My property". In the flight of the prosperity, he did not have time for others. There was no room for more grains in his barns; there was no room for God in his heart. He was much concerned about his life in the world; he did not think about the life after. God looked at him and said *"Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."* (Luke.12:20, 21). This man did not stand alone in his time; there were others like him. There are many like him today too.

Friend, do you have a little time to consider your life? You do not want to be the rich fool in the story, the one who said, eat, drink, and be merry. "Are you like the stupid rich man portrayed in the above parable?-- "Eat! Drink! And be Merry!" Few minutes for God and eternal life will profit much. Life here is short; it is not eternal. In life there are two places you can choose, heaven a place of eternal joy and hell a place of eternal torment. Do you know where are you going to spend the time after your death? Is it in heaven? Make a choice for heaven. To reach the hell, you don't have to do anything; you are heading that direction. The Bible is the Word of God. It says, *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans.3:23). *"But unless you repent you will all likewise perish"* (Luke.13:3). Jesus Christ came to this world to save sinners. It does not matter what religion you belong to, or what your social status is. You may be rich or poor, healthy or sick, good or wicked, religious minded or not. All the above things are irrelevant for salvation. God loves you; He wants you to become His child! Do you want to become a child of God? Do you like to get eternal happiness? It is possible right now. Please, pray to God as shown under.

"Dear Jesus, I am a sinner. I understand that the penalty of sin is death. You came to this world, died on the cross and you were in my place. You rose again on the third day to give me eternal life and salvation. Forgive my sins; accept me as your child. You are my Saviour and Lord of my life."

If you have prayed the above prayer in all sincerity and faith you have become a child of God. You are a wise person in the eyes of the Lord and He will not call you, 'fool'. You have inherited heaven and all blessings thereof. You have been spared from the eternal hell and all the sufferings. The God Himself will be your shield and guide for the rest of the way in this world. May God bless you.

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