

THE WARNING LIGHTS (Part 2)

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Big Question: What are the warning lights in your life that you have ignored?

1. Warnings Lights 1 (Temperament, Romance, Divorce and Lying)
2. **Warning Lights 2 (Retaliation, Grudges, and Not Serving, Praying, or Fasting)**
3. Warning Lights for Dads (A Mature Dad's Created Purpose)
4. Warning Lights 3 (What Maturity and Immaturity look like)

1. Don't Retaliate (Matthew 5:38–43, NKJV)

- 38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘**An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.**’ 39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. 41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

Question: Who do you feel is unforgivable?

2. Don't Hold a Grudge (Matthew 5:43–48, NKJV)

- 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, **love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.**
- 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?
- 47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

3. Don't Stop Serving (Matthew 6:1–4 (NIV))

- 1 “**Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others** to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.
- 2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have

received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

4. Don't Stop Praying (Matthew 6:5–13 (NIV): cp Luke 11:2–4)

Note: How They Prayed

- 5 “And when you pray, do not be like the **hypocrites**, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door** and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, **do not keep on babbling** like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

1. Don't be a Hypocrite when you pray (v5)
2. Don't only pray in public (v6)
3. Don't say too much “babbling words” (v7)

Note: How They Should Have Prayed

- 9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “**Our Father** in heaven, **hallowed (or holy)** be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. **11 Give us today our daily bread.** 12 And **forgive us our debts**, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

1. Pray recognizing he is hallowed (or holy)
2. Pray for his will to be done

5. Don't Stop Fasting (Matthew 6:16–18 NIV)

- 16 “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for **they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting.** Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Next Time: Warning Lights for Dads

Big Question: Why did God create dads?