

## 1 ☐ Danger, Danger

- When are God's People at their Greatest Risk?

## 2 ☐ Christmas Shopping

## 3 ☐ Ekklesia Mentoring

- Purpose
  - Teach basic biblical principles that will help us to grow, become mature, and be strong.
- Format
  - Informal
  - Dialog how we can apply those principles.
  - Discuss the expected outcomes and benefits.

## 4 ☐ Mentoring

- Reason for Mentoring
  - Hard times may be coming and our faith may be greatly tested!
  - In fact, the Bible predicts that in the last days there will be a "day of evil" that will come like a thief in the night and catch many off guard.
  - Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.  
(Ephesians 6:13 NIV)

## 5 ☐ Mentoring

- Implications
  - If we can't handle getting "cut off" in traffic are we going to be able to handle real problems?
  - If we can't handle getting our "feelings hurt" are we going to be able to handle real persecution?
  - If we can't forgive people for little things are we going to be able to forgive people for major things?
  - If we can't be faithful in good times, will we be faithful in hard times?

## 6 ☐ Mentoring 101

- Importance of Daily Devotion & Prayer.
- Learn what is the "Fear of the Lord."
- Maturity and growth are the result of sowing good seed.
- The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
- When God's People are at their greatest risk . . .

## 7 Danger, Danger

▪When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. 11 Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. (Deuteronomy 8:10–14 NIV)

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▪Because you did not serve the LORD your God joyfully and gladly in the time of prosperity, 48 therefore in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and dire poverty, you will serve the enemies the LORD sends against you. He will put an iron yoke on your neck until he has destroyed you. (Deuteronomy 28:47–48 NIV)

## 9 Danger, Danger

▪He made him ride on the heights of the land and fed him with the fruit of the fields. He nourished him with honey from the rock, and with oil from the flinty crag, 14 with curds and milk from herd and flock and with fattened lambs and goats, with choice rams of Bashan and the finest kernels of wheat. You drank the foaming blood of the grape. 15 Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; filled with food, he became heavy and sleek. He abandoned the God who made him and rejected the Rock his Savior. (Deuteronomy 32:13–15 NIV–G/K)

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•I clothed you with an embroidered dress and put leather sandals on you. I dressed you in fine linen and covered you with costly garments. 11 I adorned you with jewelry: I put bracelets on your arms and a necklace around your neck, 12 and I put a ring on your nose, earrings on your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. 13 So you were adorned with gold and silver; your clothes were of fine linen and costly fabric and embroidered cloth. Your food was fine flour, honey and olive oil. You became very beautiful and rose to be a queen. 14 And your fame spread among the nations on account of your beauty, because the splendor I had given you made your beauty perfect, declares the Sovereign LORD. (Ezekiel 16:10–14 NIV)

## 12 Danger, Danger

•Two things I ask of you, O LORD; do not refuse me before I die: 8 Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. 9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God. (Proverbs 30:7–9 NIV)

## 13 Summary

- When are God’s people at their greatest risk?
  - When they are full and satisfied.
  - When everything is going well.
  - During times of abundance & prosperity.
- What happens to God’s people?
  - Forget God, become prideful and think that their success is from themselves.
  - Turn from serving God.
  - Prostitute themselves with the world.

## 14 Forget Not the Lord

## 15 Gratitude

- When God blesses us what should we do?
- How do we show God gratitude and appreciation?
- How did we spend Thanksgiving?

## 16 In Everything Give Thanks

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## 18 Trend Line