

“Signs”

This past Sunday, our Pastor shared a story of a small rural town somewhere in the midwest that was so small, it only had one stop sign, and during a severe storm, the sign was blown down. Local residents were aware that they needed to stop even though the sign eventually got blown away. This went on for months (no road dept.) until there was a major collision at the intersection.

At that time the townspeople worked together to replace the missing sign, making the intersection much safer. I could stop right here and ask you to contemplate all of the “stop signs” we see in the Bible, which are being ignored by the majority of the population, and I believe you would realize why the world really is going to hell in a handbasket!

When we are saved or born again, the Holy Spirit comes to live within us, and shows us the “stop signs” throughout the Bible that reveal to us what we need to stop doing, saying, or even thinking - it's a real eye opener! What I discovered was that the Bible isn't a book of rigid rules and regulations I had to follow, it was a new road map for my life that I WANTED to follow!

The far left liberals in this country want ALL of the moral and ethical stop signs removed so people can be “free” to do whatever they want to do without any consequences for their actions. Today's society demands the right to do whatever they want to do, without any responsibilities! EVERY DAY on the news we see reports of violent clashes between people because the safeguards God has put in place to protect us have been ignored, and life has become one big free for all!

2 Timothy 2:15 says: *“Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth.”* (AMP) And James 1:21 says: *“So get rid of all uncleanness and all that remains of wickedness, and with a humble spirit receive the word [of God] which is implanted [actually rooted in your heart], which is able to save your souls.”*

We need to read God's word EVERY day because if we don't, we won't see all of the road signs God has established for us, to keep us safe, and to keep us from straying off course! We will certainly come upon some unexpected and maybe dangerous curves in the course of our lives, road construction, delays and detours we didn't expect, but if we follow the directions and the signs contained in God's roadmap, we will navigate our lives more safely, peacefully, and victoriously! Amen!