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A continuous teaching and warning ministry is essential so that every man might be presented mature in Christ Jesus (Col. 1:28). The warnings given by the Lord Jesus are very instructive (Matthew 7:15-20; 16:6-12; 24:4-5; Luke 12:1,15). The warnings must be factual, specific, relevant and personal. Error must be exposed. Our unbiblical and slanted ways of thinking must be corrected. Sin must be dealt with. As we are living in perilous times with doctrines of demons on every hand, may God raise up many faithful men who will warn night and day with tears!

And yet, there is danger even in all of this! Warning apart from edification, encouragement and faithful Bible teaching is a disaster. **The sheep will die, not from the wolves but from starvation!** Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works—exhorting, encouraging and edifying one another—and so much the more as we see the day approaching (Heb. 10:24-25; Col. 3:16; Eph. 4:29; 1 Thess. 5:14).

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