

The Final Warning

Open with Prayer Requests

Read Matthew 7:15–20

- What warning does Jesus give about false prophets?
- What does it mean to recognize teachers “by their fruit”?
- What kind of spiritual fruit should Christians look for in leaders and teachers?
- How can believers balance discernment with humility and grace?

Read Ephesians 4:11–14

- What is the purpose of pastors, teachers, and other church leaders?
- What does Paul say is the connection between maturity and stability in the faith?
- What does it look like to be “tossed back and forth” by different teachings?
- How is unity in the church connected to truth and spiritual maturity?
- How can growing in Biblical knowledge protect believers from deception?

Read Philippians 3:15

- Why is humility important when Christians disagree?
- How can opening Scripture together help bring unity among believers?
- Have you ever changed your mind about a faith issue after studying Scripture?

Read 2 Timothy 4:1–5

- Why do you think Paul placed such strong emphasis on preaching in his final instructions?
- What does it mean to “preach the word?”
- Why is it important for believers to be willing to receive correction from God’s Word?
- What is the difference between Biblical encouragement and simple affirmation?
- Why are patience and careful instruction essential in our communication of God’s Word?
- What does Paul mean when he says people will gather teachers who tell them what their “itching ears” want to hear?
- Why are people naturally drawn toward messages that affirm them?
- What are some modern examples of “false teaching” or misleading messages that Christians may encounter today?
- How has technology and social media made it easier to find voices that simply reinforce our existing opinions?
- Why is spiritual maturity necessary for recognizing truth from error?
- Why do people often become defensive when they receive correction?
- Why is it tempting to “discredit the corrector” instead of examining ourselves?
- How can Scripture help us determine whether correction is valid?
- What role does accountability play in spiritual growth and maturity?
- “We are all works in progress.” Why is that important to remember?
- What are some areas where Christians commonly resist growth or correction?
- How can we become more teachable and open to God’s guidance?
- In what ways does receiving correction actually strengthen unity within the church?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to pursue greater spiritual maturity?

Closing Prayer