We are living in a time where discernment is critical. Not every building with a cross is truly representing Christ. Here are warnings you must heed—rooted in Scripture—for the sake of your soul and eternal destiny:

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1. Beware of Prosperity-Only Churches

Churches that focus solely on wealth and material success, claiming that financial prosperity is the ultimate sign of God's favor, are distorting the Gospel.

> "But godliness with contentment is great gain... For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils."
> *— 1 Timothy 6:6,10 (ESV)*

Jesus Himself lived humbly, and He warned us against storing treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19–21). The true Gospel leads to eternal life, not temporary riches.

🚨 If a church teaches that being rich is the main evidence that God is with you—RUN!

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2. Beware of Churches that Don’t Preach Repentance

A Gospel that ignores repentance is a false gospel. True faith in Christ must involve a turning away from sin.

> “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.”
> — *Acts 3:19 (ESV)*

> “Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”
> — *Luke 13:3 (ESV)*

🚨 If a church makes you feel comfortable in your sin—BEWARE!

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3. Beware of Politicized and Human-Tradition-Based Churches

When churches blend the Word of God with political agendas or cultural ideologies, the purity of the Gospel is compromised.

> “See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition... and not according to Christ.”
> — *Colossians 2:8 (ESV)*

> “My kingdom is not of this world.”
> — *John 18:36 (ESV)*

🚨 If you can’t distinguish the pulpit from a political platform—BE VERY CAREFUL!

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4. Beware of Churches that Neglect Holiness and Sound Doctrine

God is holy—and He commands us to live holy lives. Churches must uphold biblical truth, even when it’s uncomfortable.

> “As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you

> also be holy in all your conduct.”
> *— 1 Peter 1:14–15 (ESV)*

> “For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching… and will turn away from listening to the truth.”
> *— 2 Timothy 4:3–4 (ESV)*

🚨 If a church avoids preaching holiness—STAY ALERT!

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5. Beware of Giving-Centered Churches that Neglect Love and Faith

Giving is part of worship, but it is not the whole message. Christ taught us to love God, pursue righteousness, and live by faith.

> “Woe to you… for you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God.”
> *— Luke 11:42 (ESV)*

> “And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”
> — *1 Corinthians 13:13 (ESV)*

🚨 If all you hear is about sowing seeds for financial blessing, but never about character, love, or godliness—BEWARE!

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6. Beware of Churches that Don’t Preach the Second Coming or the Rapture

A church that never talks about Christ’s return is failing to prepare its people for eternity.

> “Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”
> — *Matthew 24:44 (ESV)*

> “Then we who are alive… will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

> *— 1 Thessalonians 4:17 (ESV)*

🚨 If your church ignores the reality of Christ’s return—BE VIGILANT!

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7. Beware of Spiritually Dead Churches that Suppress the Gifts of the Spirit

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not optional—they are part of the living, active ministry of the Church.

> “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good… to another gifts of healing… to another prophecy…”
> *— 1 Corinthians 12:7–10 (ESV)*

> “Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies.”
> *— 1 Thessalonians 5:19–20 (ESV)*

🚨 If there is no room for the Holy Spirit’s work—healing, prophecy, tongues, and miracles—it may be a dead church. RUN!

🚨 Final Word

Dear believer, not every church is a safe spiritual home. Use discernment, test everything by the Word of God, and seek a church that is Christ-centered, Bible-rooted, Spirit-led, and eternity-focused.

> “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God.”
> *— 1 John 4:1 (ESV)*

⚠ Your eternity is too valuable to risk in the wrong spiritual environment. Choose wisely.

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