

# **Do you know Cancer's 7 Danger Signals?**

## ***THE SEVEN DANGER SIGNALS OF SPIRITUAL CANCER***

The heading ask: "Do you know Cancer's 7 danger signals?" A good question, for it reminds us to watch our health. When diagnosed early, cancer can be treated and lives saved. But what about the symptoms of spiritual cancer? The danger signals of spiritual cancer are even more tragic, for, if left untreated, they result in spiritual death and the judgment of God! Let's take a look at the seven danger signals of spiritual cancer.

1). **Are you becoming irregular in worship at God's house?** Jesus said, "If you continue in my Word, then you are disciples indeed" and went on to say, "He who is of God hears the words of God; the reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God." (John 8:32,47). How often do you attend church for worship and to be taught God's Word?

2). **Do you neglect Bible study and prayer?** How much time per week do you spend in studying the Scriptures "which are able to make you wise unto salvation?" When was the last time you set aside a period for prayer?

3). **Do you receive the Lord's Supper regularly for your spiritual health?** Jesus said: "This is my body... This is My blood.... for the remission of sins." Do you repeatedly say "no thanks" to His gracious invitation?

4). God has called us to a life of good works. **Are the works of the flesh** (Gal 5:19-21) - namely, evil in its various forms, **becoming a greater part of your life?** "Those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." How does this warning speak to you?

5). **Are you becoming increasingly materialistic?** This signal shows itself in a love of this world and the things of this world which pushes out interest in witnessing, Bible study, and giving for the Lord's work. Our Lord said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)

6). **Do you find yourself doubting God's Word and power?** Jesus put His finger on the root of unbelief and doctrinal error when He said, "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures not the power of God." (Matt. 22:29). Beginning with so-called "minor" points, such doubt may go on to deny Christ Himself!

7). Perhaps, most serious of all, **do you refuse to listen to the brotherly admonition of fellow Christians?** Have you ever considered the fact that the only real cause for excommunication in the Church is refusal to hear the Word of God? This is because such refusal cuts us off from any chance for a cure... it's like the person who notices the symptoms of cancer but closes his eyes to them and refuses to seek medical help.

If any of these signs are present, what should you do? What would you do if one of cancer's danger signals developed? You would go to the doctor, wouldn't you? If the above danger signals appear in your life, turn from them with the same horror you would in discovering cancer, and flee to Christ your Savior for it is He "who pardons all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases." (Ps. 103:3) Christ died for sinners, for those suffering and dying spiritually from spiritual cancer. He died for you! Receive His touch of healing, as He says to you, and all sinners, "Be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee."