

Eagles Landing Christian Academy
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Essay
“Which is Better”

Which is better: Receiving the joy of the Lord or warning others of the consequences of sin?

I believe warning others about sin is far better than receiving the joy of the Lord. Many people avoid telling others about sin because they think they will be rejected or made fun of. I like to warn others about sin because while I am warning them of the consequences of sin, I am growing closer in my relationship with God. Also, as I am continually growing closer to God, this continues to not only build up my strength, but my courage, as well as, to go out and tell more people about the consequences of sin. There are three benefits to warning others of the consequences of sin: watching people turn away from their sin and growing closer to God through salvation, growing in your walk with God through strength, courage, and boldness, and the best benefit of all, receiving the joy of the Lord.

I believe there are many benefits to warning others about sin. The first benefit is watching people turn away from sin and growing closer to God, which can result in their salvation. As they grow closer to God through salvation and relationship, they will want to go and warn others about the consequences of sin. Their salvation and relationship with God would in turn begin to build their strength and courage to go out and tell others

of the consequences of sin, which could lead to the salvation of others. Another benefit of warning others about sin is that it helps you grow in your walk with God. For example every time a believer warns others about sin it increases their boldness and courage to stand up for God's teachings. Boldness and courage are essential when seeking out of others to warn of the consequences of sin. Finally, when we warn others about sin we get the best benefit of all, Joy! Receiving the joy of the Lord as a result of warning others of the consequences of sin is amazing. We as believers can rejoice as another person's life is transformed by the redemption of our Lord. When a believer sees someone turn from sin it brings us great joy and happiness knowing that they are doing the right thing. You as a believer know that another soul will enter into eternity with our Lord and Savior. Watching someone repent of their sins and pray for their salvation can and will bring the greatest joy to a believer. Most will say that this is the greatest joy that they will ever receive in a lifetime. These are just a few of the benefits that we receive when we warn others about the consequences of sin.

As you can see the benefits of warning others of the consequences of sin are great, far better than just receiving the joy of the Lord. Once you become a believer and have repented of your sins, you naturally want to go out to others and warn them of the consequences of their sin and encourage them that repentance does bring the joy of the Lord. Also, fulfilling the Great Commission as stated in Matthew 28, "Go therefore and make disciples" is a vital and important part of our relationship with our Lord and Savior. It is easy to see and agree that warning others of the consequences of sin is better than receiving the joy of the Lord. Ultimately, the warning others of the consequences of sin

leads to receiving the joy of the Lord, as you the believer can reap the benefits of both sides of the argument.