

Pay Attention to the Signs

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Signs, made of poster board, are tacked onto stands spray painted black and are set on either side of the platform. Three of the signs (CAUTION, DO NOT ENTER, and STOP) are painted to resemble authentic signs. The fourth sign has the words of scripture, BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD, and is placed by itself on one side of the platform. One person comes out of the choir area to get a better look of the signs.

PERSON 1 Excuse me? We are about to begin worship. Just what are you doing?

PERSON 2 I couldn't tell what these were. (*gesturing to signs*)

PERSON 1 Well, now you can see—they're signs. We need to pay attention to them.

PERSON 2 I suppose you're right, but sometimes I wonder. For instance, take the sign, CAUTION. Don't you think any intelligent person would be cautious without being told to be.

PERSON 1 You'd think, but we very rarely are cautious unless we are told.

PERSON 2 (*Shrugs shoulder*) And, another thing, look at the sign, DO NOT ENTER. Curiosity may well keep someone from paying attention to that sign.

PERSON 1 I get your point, but curiosity can get us in trouble; but what about the STOP sign. Everyone understands how important it is to pay attention to this sign.

PERSON 2 Yes, there's no question about that. Well, thanks for chatting with me. (*Starts to walk away but notices the sign on the other side*) Uh, BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD. Where did that sign come from?

PERSON 1 The Bible! It's the most important sign of all of these. We need not only to recognize it, but give our attention to it, too.

PERSON 2 BE STILL AND KNOW THAT . . .

PERSON 1 What are you doing?

PERSON 2 Well, you see, I tend to ignore signs so how can I pay attention to them if I ignore them. BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD—BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD—BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD. (*As the person continues to repeat the words, the sound in the mic is gradually lowered*)

