



RIP YOUR HEART

PAY ATTENTION!

Easy to ignore something which seems not to **directly affect** you. But the “indirect” will eventually **knock on your door!**

Hear this!/Listen!/Tell it .../Wake up!
Blow the trumpet!/Sound the alarm!
Alas!/Call the assembly!/ Gather the
people!/Proclaim this!/ Prepare!
Rouse the warriors!

Far away forces can quickly become **real threats**.

Disaster can be both Satan's work
and God's DAY. (instrument, method,
accounting)

“Even now”, declares the Lord,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and
mourning. Rend your heart and not
your garments. Return to the Lord
your God for he is gracious and
compassionate ...” (*Joel 2:12-13*)

REPENTANCE

- ✓ **return** to God with all my heart
- ✓ attitude which goes beyond **intellect** and touches **emotions**
- ✓ willingness to display **humility** and **prayer**
- ✓ expressions of **faith** and **trust** in God

laissez-faire = leave it alone, don't
worry about it

i.e. apathetic, unconcerned,
unmoved, passive, preoccupied

Laissez faire attitude = My concern
and prayer will be **very minimal** ...
I **do not enjoy** praying, feeling
humble or expressing regret for
sinful actions (my own or others)

BURDENED. I **feel** the weight of evil which I did not commit and I am very **concerned** about the status of my own personal struggles ... therefore, I am willing to display repentance and humility. This is my **generation** and my **people** so I will exercise my **spiritual influence.**

My humility is not
hopelessness.



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