

Seven Ways to Look at a Crisis

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Luke 8:11-15

- I. Judgment
 - A. itself a punishment for sin (Exo. 32; Num. 21; 2 Sam. 24)
 - B. what sins are we being judged for?

- II. Warning
 - A. further and worse punishment if you/we don't quit your sin (Luke 13:1-5)
 - B. what sins are we being warned about?

- III. Test
 - A. "discovery" -- legal term meaning you have to make information and evidence known
 - B. purification (Ps. 66:10; Heb. 5:8)

- IV. Preparation
 - A. "a reckless age" (Bina Venkataraman)
 - B. a crisis is a time to prepare for coming trouble
 - C. spiritual preparation (1 Pet. 1:13)

- V. Opportunity
 - A. to express love for brother, neighbor enemy (Judges 3:2)
 - B. to be better off in the future (Jer. 32:24-25, 36-38; Prov. 19:17)

- VI. Rest
 - A. forced downtime for sinfully busy people (Psalm 121:4)
 - B. "the land had rest" (2 Chron. 36:20-21)
 - C. "the world is fixed" and yet "creation groans" because of man's restless works

- VII. Love
 - A. a time to reorient our love (Prov. 7:10)
 - B. the love of God for us (1 Jn. 4:10)