

## PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO YOUR ENVIRONMENT

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What would your thoughts be if I were to mention the space shuttle, Challenger? I think most of our thoughts would be the same. We remember that moment on January 28, 1986 whenever the Challenger lifted into the sky, then blew up, 73 seconds into its flight. You can probably still remember where you were at and what you were doing whenever you heard the news. I know I can. I'll never forget the feeling of shock. I'll always remember the pictures of the blue sky marked with twisted trails of smoke and large pieces of metal falling toward the ocean. As the fragments fell, I also realized that among the falling debris, were the bodies of some of America's finest men and women.

We know today what it was that caused the Challenger disaster. It was caused by O-rings and cold temperature. However, there was another reason for the explosion. Something called pride.

1 Cor 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

A group of top officials from NASA, failed to heed the warning from those down the line of command, who were concerned about the reliability of certain parts of the booster rockets under abnormal conditions. The top brass were confident that they knew best, that they should not change the launch schedule. We all know the results today. They were wrong. They underestimated the environment.

Just as the environment played a crucial part in this disaster, the environment in which you and I live each and every day also plays a vital role in our lives as well.

Why have there been so many "disasters" in people's lives? Simply put, because they didn't pay close enough attention to the conditions surrounding them.

How's the environment where you live? I'm not talking about your physical address; I'm talking about where you live spiritually? Is there an O-ring that might be affected by abnormal temperatures or conditions in your life that may allow something to pass by in your spiritual life that would cause you shuttle to fall apart?

Pay close attention to your environment!