

# Timer

## Scripture:

*Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:16)*

## Materials List:

- (1) Kitchen Timer
- (1) Pan of burned cookies (optional)
- (1) Cookies (optional, but delicious)

## Main Message:

*We, as those who have the Truth, must sound the alarm for those around us that if they don't do something, all their life will be for nothing and disaster will be the result.*

**Song:** *Are you Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom?*

## Lesson:

It's all too common in my house. I make up a batch of cookie dough or something else delicious, pop it in the oven and forget to set the timer. Twenty minutes later, the smell of burned chocolate jolts me to the realization that my inattention has resulted in (yet another) kitchen disaster.

It happens in people's spiritual lives too, but the consequences are far more serious. Every day we walk past, drive past, look past people who are headed for a spiritual disaster and they aren't paying any attention. When the timer on my oven goes off, I know that if I don't get in there and do something, all my work will be for nothing. We, as those who have the Truth, must sound the alarm for those around us that if they don't do something, all their life will be for nothing and disaster will be the result.

In my kitchen, I get second chances. I can make more cookies. In life, though, we don't get a second chance. When life is over, that's it. The next time your timer goes off, let it be a reminder of what can happen when there is no one sounding a spiritual alarm.

**Prayer:** Thank God for those who have sounded the alarm for you. Ask Him to bless them and to help you watch for lost souls around you. Ask for the courage to be bold and proclaim the truth, sounding the alarm for others.