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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
Greater Hartford Chapter
Mitchell's Coffee House
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- Opening prayer
- Introductions
- Praise reports
- Today's topic: ***Are you Taking Heed?***

As an employer, if you had an employee who didn't do what you hired him or her to do, what would you think? How would you feel? What would you do? During the interviewing process, the candidate pledged allegiance to you and your firm, and was very enthused about joining the staff. But once the euphoria of getting the job passed, this employee began coasting and didn't "take heed" to the job.

Well, imagine how the Lord feels when He adopts us ("hires us") through the gift of salvation. He gives us a job description and all the job tools we need: the Word, the Spirit, and specific spiritual gifts. But as time goes by, we begin coasting and drifting, not taking heed to our core purposes. As in the parables of the soils, we get stony or full of weeds that choke out our fertility and fruitfulness.

The Lord uses the expression Take Heed 65 times in the Bible. For example:

—Exodus 34:12: ***Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee.***

—Deuteronomy 4:9: ***Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life...***

—Deuteronomy 11:16: ***Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them.***

—Joshua 23:11: ***Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that you love the LORD your God.***

—Luke 12:15: ***Take heed and beware of covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.***

—Colossians 4:17: ***And say to Archippus, take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.***

- Next meeting on November 4 here @ 7:30 am (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
- Upcoming events/news: tomorrow's first-ever Jacob's Well "Financial Coffeehouse;" October 23-24 New Jersey Christian Ministries Convention; 2010 conference?
- Closing prayer