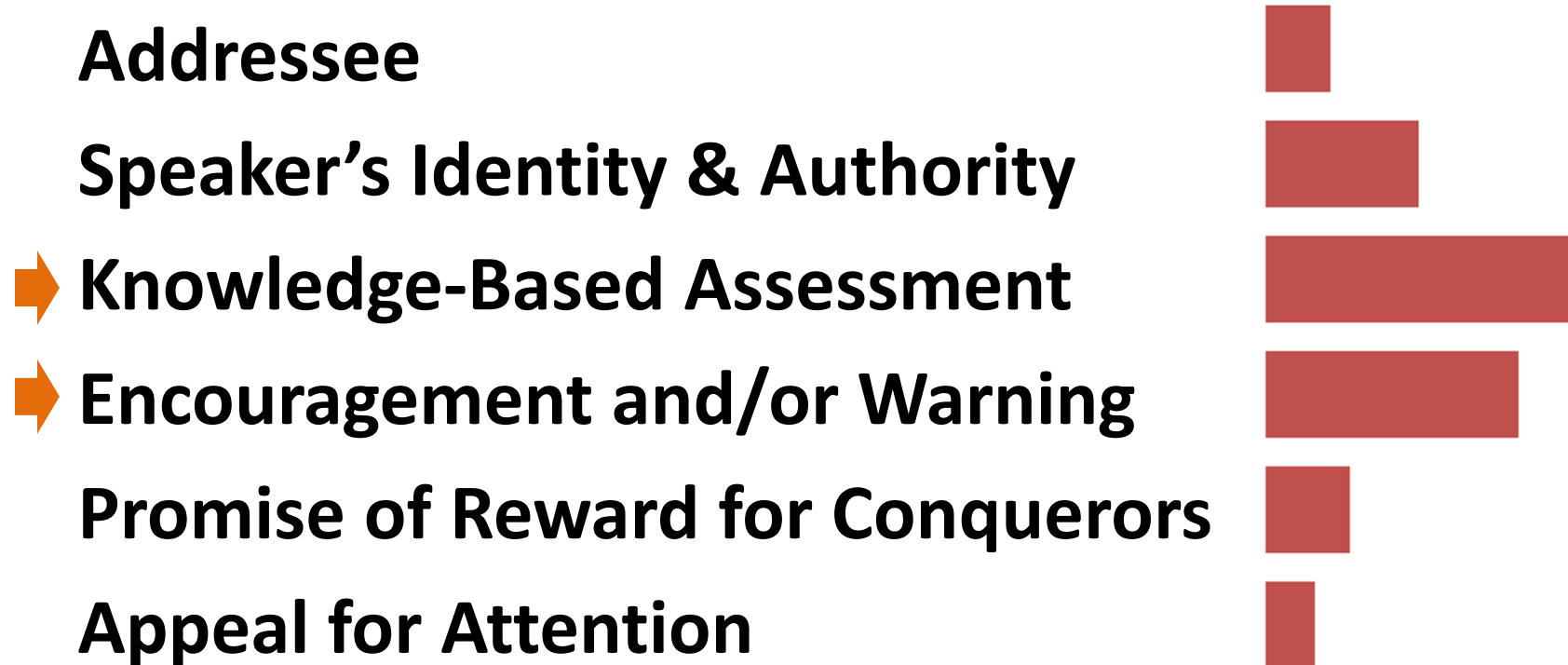




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Addressee

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These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in
his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven
golden candlesticks;



Speaker's Identity & Authority

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Knowledge-Based Assessment

² I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: ✓

³ And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. ✓

⁴ Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. ✗

...

⁶ But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate. ✓



Encouragement and/or Warning

⁵ Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.



Promise of Reward for Conquerors

⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.



Promise of Reward for Conquerors

Conquerors . . .

- reign with Christ
- avoid the second death (the lake of fire)
- are admitted to the New Jerusalem



Promise of Reward for Conquerors

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

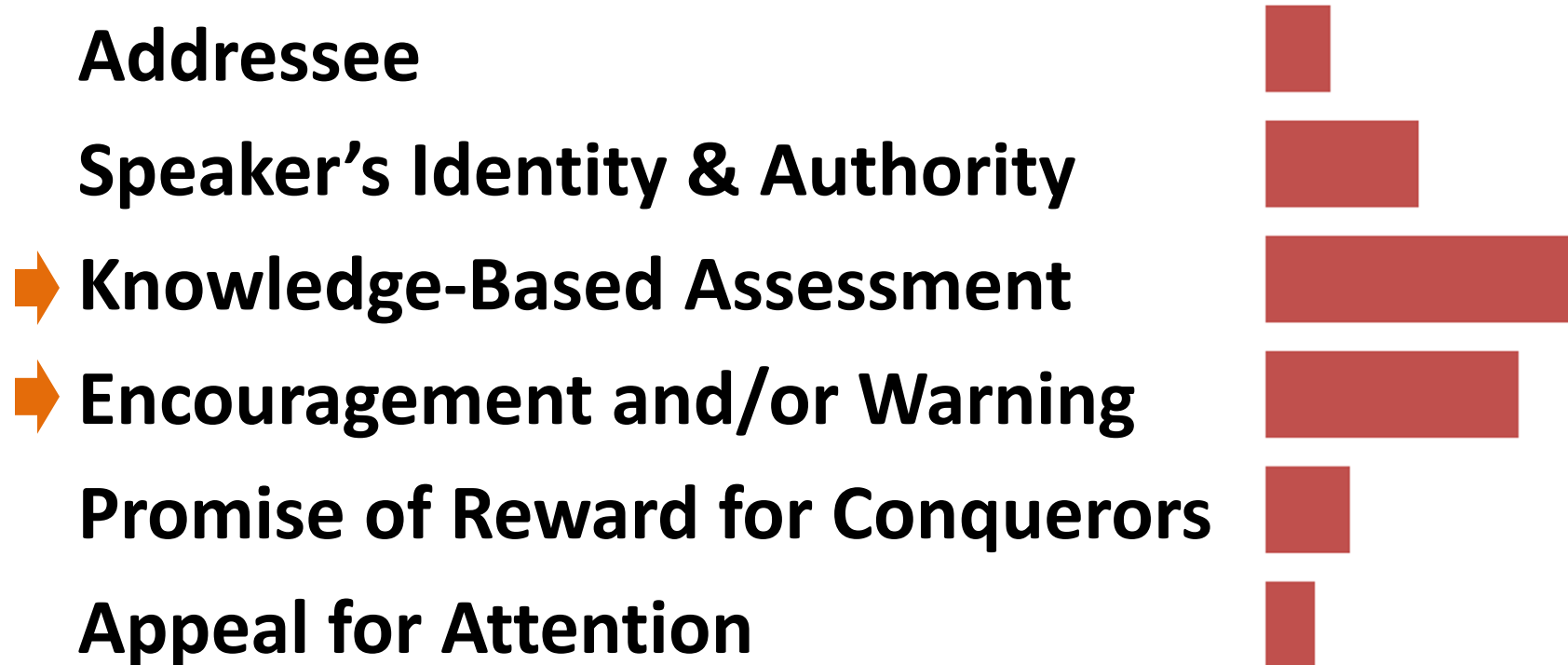
(1 John 5:5)



Appeal for Attention

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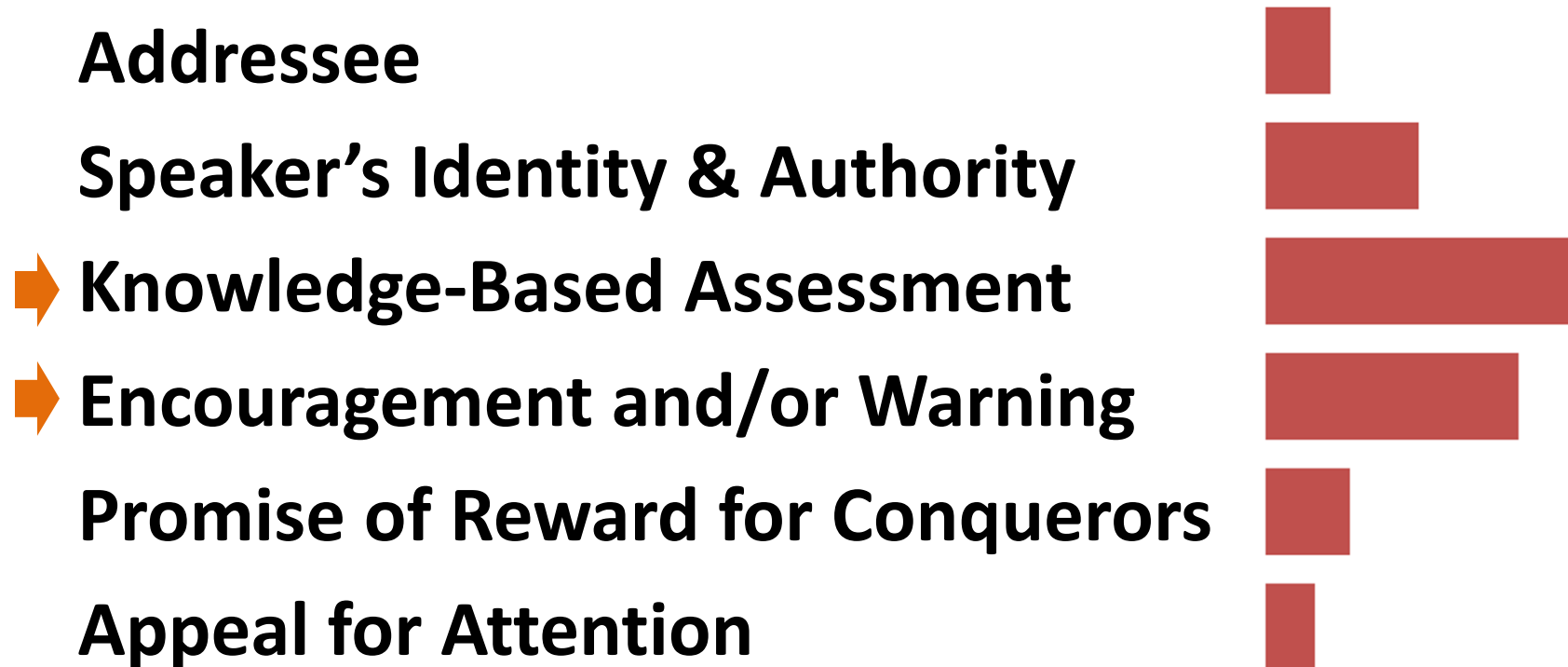
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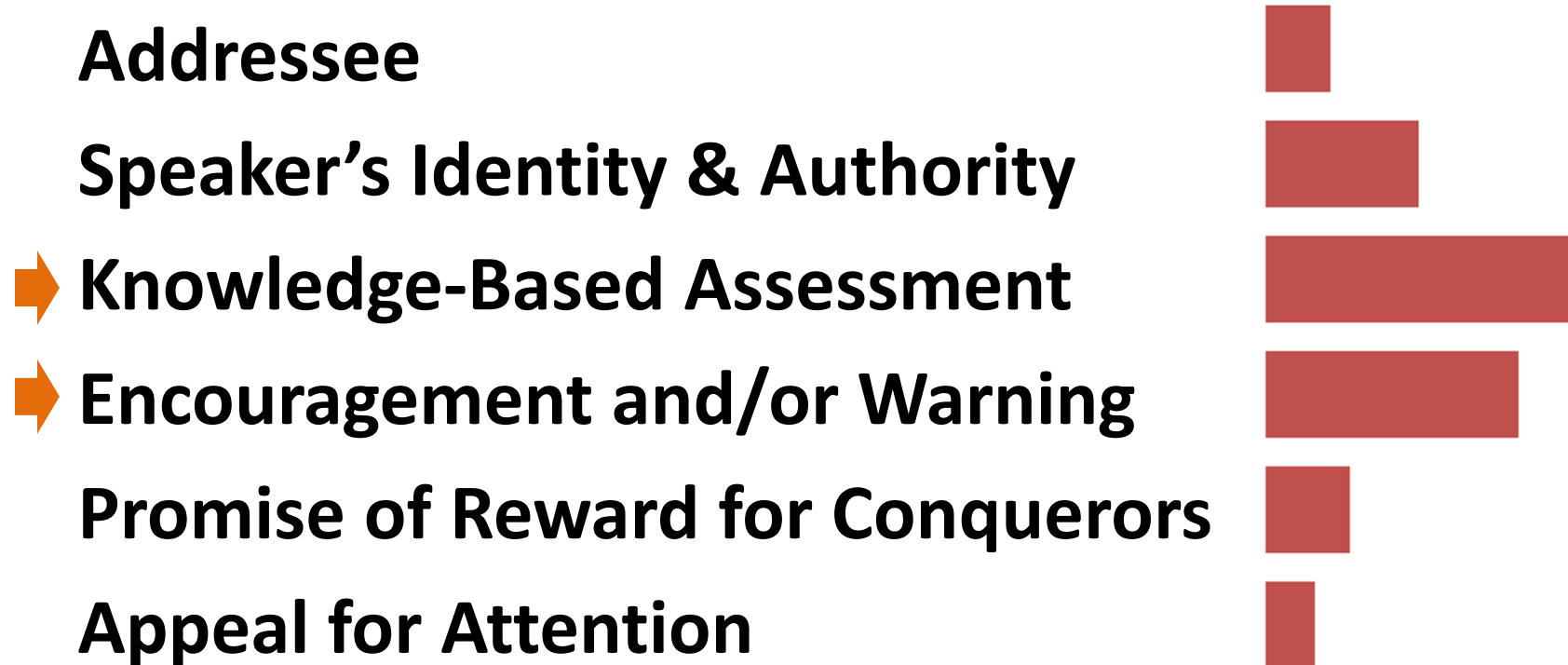
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