

LOSING IT

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12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

1 Timothy 1:12-19 - continued

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Introduction

- A. We are all susceptible to losing our spiritual walk**
- B. Warning signs do exist that should cause alarm**
- C. Are we exhibiting some of these signs?**

I. Losing Sight Of Spiritual Opportunities

John 4:34-35

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

I. Losing Sight Of Spiritual Opportunities

A. By being deceived of right moments

2 Corinthians 6:2

(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

I. Losing Sight Of Spiritual Opportunities

B. By being distracted at those “right” moments

Mark 4:19

And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

1. At those “right” times

Colossians 4:5

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without redeeming the time.

Ephesians 5:16

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

I. Losing Sight Of Spiritual Opportunities

**B. By being distracted at the “right” moments -
continued**

2. At those “right” places

Philippians 3:13-15

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

II. By Being Easily And Staying Offended

A. Looking for trouble

Titus 3:2

To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

Hebrews 12:14-15

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

II. By Being Easily And Staying Offended

B. Living for trouble

Ephesians 4:26, 29-32

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

III. By Settling On Sin

A. A lack of reckoning

Romans 6:11-12

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

III. By Settling On Sin

B. A lot of yielding

Romans 6:13-14

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

III. By Settling On Sin

C. A loss of reasoning

Romans 6:15-16

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

IV. By Expecting Others To Do Your Responsibility

Nehemiah 3:5

And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their LORD.

IV. By Expecting Others To Do Your Responsibility

A. Will cause dysfunction in the church

1 Corinthians 12:25

That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

B. Will miss the reward

2 Chronicles 15:7

**Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak:
for your work shall be rewarded.**

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