

# 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.**

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**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.**

**ARE YOU  
LOSING IT?**