

CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)

Friday, 16th September 2022

THEME': PERSONAL SOUL WINNING
TOPIC: DEALING WITH THE BACKSLIDER
TEXT: PROVERBS 11:30; DANIEL 12:3

INTRODUCTION:

In its simplest form of definition, Soul Winning is rescuing the perishing and saving the dying. The soul winners' message is the gospel, which according to our study from previous weeks is the 'good news'. Our study today is focused on "Dealing with the Backslider" in Personal Soul-winning. As Christians we are responsible for our brothers and sisters in Christ. If they fail, fall or backslide we are to be concerned for them and go out after them, to bring them back to the Lord.

3. DEALING WITH THE BACKSLIDER

A. Meaning of the term.

- ❖ A backslider is a Christian who has fallen into sin e.g. 'David' (Psalm 51:2-5), 'Peter' (**Luke 22:31-34**).

Q: What are the things that qualify an individual as a Backslider?

B. The Lord is seeking the Backslider (Him/Her).

- ❖ He sometimes seeks him/her with a chastening rod – 1 Corinthians 5:5
- ❖ He sometimes seeks him/her through rebuke of fellow saints – Galatians 6:1
- ❖ He sometimes seeks him/her through direct appeal – Isaiah 1:18

Q: Why does the Lord seek after the Backslider? 2 Peter 3:9

C. The Lord Desires is to Keep Backslider (Him/Her)

- ❖ The Lord's desire is to deliver and to keep for Him those who leave Him as illustrated in the story of the prodigal son – Luke 15:11-32

D. The Lord is Praying for the Backslider

- ❖ He said He would pray for Peter – **Luke 22:31-34**.
- ❖ John said: 1 John 2:1
1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous

Q: Why is it necessary to pray for the backslider?

E. The Christian Responsibility is to "Accept" the Backslider into Fellowship.

Galatians 6:1

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

F. The Responsibility of the Backslider. Joel 2:12-13; Act 3:19; Revelation 2:4-5

- ❖ The backslider's responsibility is to repent and confess.
- ❖ God promises forgiveness and restoration to fellowship – 1 John 1:9.

Q: How do you help the Backslider to accept responsibility?

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CONCLUSION:

The Lord still loves His people when they fail, fall and backslide; they are still His, and He longs for their return to full fellowship. When a believer backslides it is our responsibility to care for him and to seek his recovery and restoration.

The recovery of a backslider needs to be undertaken with love and humility, and by someone who is filled with the Holy Spirit.

Let us be concerned, not only to win the lost, but to love, win back and care for the people of God when they lose the faith.