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CHRISTIANS FALLING AWAY

I Cor 10:1-12

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I.) INTRODUCTION

A.) I Cor 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

B.) When somebody falls, even from a short distance- it can be very dangerous.

C.) When someone falls away from the Church it is his soul which will be lost.

II.) EXAMPLES OF FALLING AWAY — STRESSING UNITY — STRONG MUST HELP THE WEAK

(1) A.) Rom 15:1-6 pg ~~187~~ 1204 WEAK - SOME LITTLE THING SAID OR DONE MAY CAUSE SOMEONE TO LEAVE THE CHURCH.

B.) ADAM + EVE

1.) Gen 3 Serpent tempted Eve - Lost their place in the Garden of Eden.

C.) JEWS AS A NATION WENT INTO CAPTIVITY

1.) II ~~CHR~~RON 36:16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

D.) SADDER STILL THE CHURCH FELL AWAY

(2) 1.) II THESS 2:1-12 pg ~~232~~ 1258 3 (3, ~~2~~ 11-12)

III.) CHRISTIANS FALL BECAUSE

A.) THEY FAIL TO CONSIDER

1.) ISA 1:1-4 pg ~~695~~ 741 BACKSLIDING

a.) We have to keep Christ with us at all times - in our thoughts as we are working.

B.) FORGETFUL HEARERS - NOT DOERS ~~SOME PEOPLE SAY THINGS BEFORE THEY THINK & GET ANGRY FAST.~~

1.) James 1:19-25 pg ~~285~~ 1284 (22-25)

C.) THEY YIELD TO WORLDLY INFLUENCES

1.) Prov 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

CHRISTIANS FALL BECAUSE -

a.) This was true of Demas in II Tim 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

2.) I Jn 2:15-17 pg ~~266~~ 1297

D.) SUDDEN TEMPTATIONS

1.) I Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

2.) II Cor 12:9 and he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

JESUS TOLD SATAN GET THEE BEHIND ME Lk 4:8

a.) Paul said he had a "thorn in the flesh," a sickness to keep him from being boastful.

3.) Heb 4:14-15 pg ~~276~~ 1274 CHRIST TEMPTED, BUT DID NOT SIN. Lk 4:8

you that are without sin, cast the first stone.

4.) Gal 6:1 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. IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN NEED OF HELP - THEN HELP THEM.

E.) THEY FAIL TO WATCH OUT FOR WEAKNESSES

1.) MATT 26:41 watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

2.) Mk 13:35-37 pg ~~588~~ 1072 WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE LORD WILL COME, SO WE HAVE TO BE READY AT ALL TIMES -

F.) THE LACK OF DILIGENCE

1.) II Pet 1:5-11 pg ~~262~~ 1293 CHRISTIAN GRACES

a.) There are many people in the church today that are listless - barely able to make it to Church.

b.) Too many that are inattentive in the worship.

c.) Too many that are inactive in the Church work.

CHRISTIANS FAIL BECAUSE

G.) THEY FAIL TO DO WHAT THEY KNOW IS RIGHT

1.) James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

a.) Fail in

1) daily Bible study
2) daily prayers
3) attending all services

4) HELPING THOSE THAT ARE WEAK.

b.) If everyone did these ~~three~~ things, the Church would be a lot stronger.

IV.) CONCLUSION

A.) whatever your occupation is, the more you work at it, the better you get.

1.) So why not work at being a better christian?

a) You have more at stake.

B.) CLOSE

1.) James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall recieve the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

a) If we are not tested, how can we know how strong we really are?