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## Why does a Brother Err from the Truth

## James 5:19-20

- 1. Signs of Backsliding
  - A. One grows <u>Bolder with temptation</u> Proverbs 4:27; Proverbs 14:16
  - B. Making a <u>Small</u> matter of <u>Sins</u> Matthew 7:13-14; I Corinthians 10:31
  - C. Little Service for Christ I Corinthians 15:58
  - D. God's Word becomes a <u>Drudgery</u> or <u>Obligation</u>

Romans 7:22; Jeremiah 15:16

E. Things of this world grow <u>Sweeter</u> and more <u>Attractive</u> than Jesus

James 4:4; I John 2:15-17

- 2. Steps to Backsliding I Corinthians 9:27
  - A. We stop <u>Seeking the Lord</u> Revelation 2:4; James 4:8; Psalm 1:2
  - B. The <u>Shunning of temptation</u> has ceased

Matthew 24:12; I Peter 5:8-9

- C. A <u>Standstill</u> in the work of the Lord I Corinthians 15:58; I Peter 4:11
- D. Stuck in <u>Sinful habits</u> with wrong <u>Priorities and people</u>
  Matthew 13:22; Il Timothy 2:4; Proverbs 4:14-15; I Corinthians
  15:33
- E. <u>Shallowness in understanding</u> the Truths of God's Word Ephesians 4:14; Il Timothy 2:15
- F. <u>Strife</u> with other Christians Psalm 133:1; Ephesians 4:3; Hebrews 12:15
- G. <u>Saintly</u> living no longer practiced I Peter 15:16; Il Corinthians 7:1

- H. <u>Steadfastness</u> in <u>Serving</u> the Lord is gone Daniel 1:8; Galatians 6:9
- I. The Spoiling of the Mind and Heart I Peter 1:13; Philippians 2:5
- J. Serving two masters Luke 16:13 James 1:8
- K. Spiritual goals are forsaken Philippians 3:13-14
- L. A <u>Shuddering</u> of people's <u>Opinions</u> and <u>Comments</u> Proverbs 28:1 II Timothy 1:7
- M. <u>Selfishness</u>-focusing on your will instead of God's will Proverbs 14:14; Ephesians 6:6; Psalm 40:8