



How To Know If You Are Backsliding

Shiloh Bible Study

2 PETER 2:21-22 NKJV

For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

REVELATION 2:5 NKJV

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

MATTHEW 24:12 NKJV

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:3

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

PROVERBS 14:14 NKJV

*The backslider in heart will be filled
with his own ways, But a good man
will be satisfied from above*

PROVERBS 14:12 NKJV

*There is a way that seems
right to a man, But its end is
the way of death.*

REVELATION 3:14-17 NKJV

“And to the [a]angel of the church [b]of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither [c]cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked

REVELATION 3:18-21 NKJV

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.[d] Therefore be [e]zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

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REVELATION 3:20 NKJV

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2 CORINTHIANS 13:5A NKJV

*Examine yourselves as to whether
you are in the faith. Test yourselves.*

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2. When The quest or hunger for biblical truth ceases.
Ps.119:16
3. When thoughts about eternal things cease to be regular and/or important. Col.3:2; Rom.8:5-6;
4. When you excuse your sin with self-righteousness.
Prov.28:13
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LUKE 18:18 NKJV

*..that men always ought to pray
and not lose heart*

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PSALM 119:16 NKJV

*I will delight myself in Your
statutes; I will not forget
Your word.*

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COLOSSIANS 3:2 NKJV

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

ROMANS 8:5-6

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be [a]carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

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PROVERBS 28:13 NKJV

He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

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LUKE 9:2 NKJV

For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

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6. When things like recreation and entertainment become first in your life. Matt.6:33;
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10. When you can hear the gospel, mocked and not be moved to indignation. Acts 13:8-11

MATTHEW 6:33 NKJV

*But seek first the kingdom of God and
His righteousness, and all these things
shall be added to you.*

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ROMANS 9:1 NKJV

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

1 TIMOTHY 4:2

speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

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LUKE 13:24 NKJV

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1 TIMOTHY 6:10 NKJV

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

MATTHEW 6:24

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [a]mammon.

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- 12. When breaches of unity in the fellowship are of no concern to you. 1Cor.3:3
- 13. When the slightest excuse seems sufficient to keep you from Christian service. Matt.11:6
- 14. When your fleshly senses and desires are out of control: Gal.5:16
- 15. When you adjust happily to the world's lifestyle: Tit.2:12

MATTHEW 15:8 NKJV

*‘These people draw near to Me with
their mouth, And honor Me with their
lips, But their heart is far from Me.*

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1 CORINTHIANS 3:3 NKJV

for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

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MATTHEW 11:6 NKJV

*And blessed is he who is not
offended because of Me.”*

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GALATIANS 5:16 NKJV

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh

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TITUS 2:12 NKJV

*teaching us that, denying
ungodliness and worldly lusts, we
should live soberly, righteously, and
godly in the present age,*

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17. When your church has fallen into spiritual decline, yet you are content. Ezek.33:6

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19. When your heart is hard. Lk.19:41

20. When you have lost your spiritual strength, and do not even realize it. Jdg.16:20

PSALMS 42:1 NKJV

*As the deer pants for the water
brooks, So pants my soul for
You, O God.*

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EZEKIEL 33:6 NKJV

But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'

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MATTHEW 5:13-14 NKJV

“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

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LUKE 19:41 NKJV

*Now as He drew near, He saw
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JUDGES 16:20 NKJV

And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” So he awoke from his sleep, and said, “I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!” But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him

REVELATION 2:5 NKJV

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Prayer 1

Father in the Name of Jesus, in any way that any of us is backsliding, individually and collectively as a church, we repent and ask for a fresh outpouring of your spirit to set us on fire for You and your kingdom in the Name of Jesus.
Ps.51:1-19; Hab.3:2; Rev.3:19; Jer.3:22

Prayer 2

Father in the name of Jesus, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, let the activities of the backsliding spirit in the church be arrested today; let every backslider come to themselves like the prodigal son and return home for their restoration and establishment in the name of Jesus. Lk.15:11-32; Jer.3:22; Zech.4:6-7;

PRAYER 3

Now Pray for yourself. For your specific need. For your expectation, this month and this year. Php.4:6

MATTHEW 7:7-8

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened