

## Rescuing a Wanderer!

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James 5: <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

### I. Who are we to intervene?

Two kinds

Some are close to being saved.

Some are saved but are living as unsaved.

What do folks wander from?

Scriptural way of thinking

Scriptural way of living

### II. Why intervene with wanderers?

“Save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.”

Physical death

I Cor 11:29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. <sup>30</sup> That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment.

Spiritual “deadness”

I Cor 3:3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?

Eternal death

Luke 16: <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

III. How to intere with a wanderer?

Gal 6 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves

Be gentle (As possible)

Be humble

Be specific

Be helpful

Give encouragement from personal experience

II Cor 1:3-5 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. <sup>5</sup> For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

Give encouragement to find help!

Pro 11:14 For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.

Be patient

Gal 6: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up

“A friend is someone who always gets in your way when you are on your way down”

Tony Evans