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Hebrews 2:1-4

SOME BACKSLIDING PREVENTATIVES

Every day we need to:

1. LET GOD SAY SOMETHING TO US

- Psalm 1:1-2; 119:105
- God wants to speak to us. Hebrews 1:1-2
- Children of God love the truth. Psalm 119:97
- Sheep need to hear their shepherd's voice. John 10:4
- We forget and need reminders. 2 Peter 1:13
- We need His words in order to grow. 1 Peter 2:1-3
- And we need to grow lest we be led away from the truth. 2 Peter 3:17-18
- Need knowledge of the truth in order to be transformed. Romans 12:2

We are going to backslide if we cease listening to God!

Every day we need to:

✓ Let God say something to us

2. RECALL SOMETHING OF GOD'S GOODNESS

- James 1:17
- Thanksgiving for salvation in Christ. Ephesians 2:1-10
- His mercies and compassions are new every morning.
Lamentations 3:22-24
- Ingratitude is an early step on the road to spiritual ruin. Romans 1:21
- Gratitude is the way to peace and contentment. Philippians 4:6-7
- His goodness moves us to repentance. Romans 2:4

We are going to backslide if we cease recalling God's goodness!

Every day we need to:

- ✓ 1. Let God say something to us
- ✓ 2. Recall something of God's goodness

3. SAY SOMETHING TO GOD

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17. James 5:16-18
- We are taught to. Luke 11:1-4
- It is an expression of our faith. Luke 18:1-8
- God supplies our needs. We must ask. Philippians 4:19. 1 John 5:14-15
- Gratitude should be expressed in words. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- It is the way to peace in the midst of burdens. 1 Peter 5:6-7. Philippians 4:6-7
- It should be our custom. Daniel 6:10

We are going to backslide if we quit praying!

Every day we need to:

- ✓ 1. Let God say something to us
- ✓ 2. Recall something of God's goodness
- ✓ 3. Say something to God

4. SAY SOMETHING FOR GOD

- Psalm 71:15.
- Speak of His mercies and His faithfulness. Psalm 89:1
- Others need us to do this. Romans 10:14
- Teaching others. Psalm 51:13
- In our families. Deuteronomy 6:7
- Defending the truth. Titus 1:10-11. 1 Peter 3:15

We are backsliding if we will not speak for God!

Every day we need to:

5. DO SOMETHING FOR GOD

- Galatians 6:10
- We have been saved in order to work for God. Ephesians 2:10
- Means living holy lives. Romans 6:17-19. 1 Peter 1:13-16; 2:11-12
- In all our relationships. Colossians 3:23-25
- God is glorified. 1 Peter 4:7-13
- Blessed in serving. John 13:17. Acts 20:35
- Labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Then a light to the world, leading others to salvation. Matthew 5:16.

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- ✓ 3. Say something *to* God
- ✓ 4. Say something *for* God

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1. Let God say something to us
2. Recall something of God's goodness
3. Say something *to* God
4. Say something *for* God
5. *Do* something for God

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