

Don't fall

Many of us have forgotten the reason why God has preserved us alive in this evil generation. Many of us come up with our own grandiose reasons such as our huge faith or our great willingness to praise God in good and bad times. Some people go into high praise proclaiming that they don't know why the Lord did it but they are so glad that He did. This is wonderful but is only partially accurate. The road to Christ is paved with the lives of the saints. God has planted us in his vineyard for us to be a stepping stone for the lost to come to Him. We are in essence a bridge and a guide. We are supposed to have our lamps trimmed and our lights shining ready to serve. Instead of being stepping stones some of us have become stumbling blocks. We can act as yield signs, diversions and even road blocks to the Lord versus a map. **Psalm 73:2-3 "But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh SLIPPED. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked"**. We are so depressed at the prosperity and promotions of other people and even seem to glorify the wicked because they have some things that we don't. We begin to let the world determine our Kingdom values. After a lifestyle of viewing the wicked with envy and salivating over the blessings of other saints, we develop 'poor me' attitudes that do not inspire but cause confusion. How can the babes and converts rely on the joy of the Lord for strength when the light bearers openly testify of doubt and defeat? When our feet slip, the living souls who are watching and counting on us can slip as well. Nobody falls alone in the kingdom. We carry generations with us on our journey, whether seen or unknown, **you are still responsible**.

Psalm 91:3 "Surely he shall deliver thee from the SNARE of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence". Stumbling blocks come in all shapes and sizes and my prayer is that God will release some sold out stepping stones who will lay down their lives and their agendas for somebody else. The enemy has strategically placed fowlers, bird trainers, who use traps and knots to catch prey and also to hold the bird. The bird seems free but is actually on a leash attached to his master. This is the life of carnal Christians and complaining sort-of-saints. They are a trap for every new convert in the buildings of Zion. They like to come in and set their trap that is baited with a false manifested anointing and seeming humble disposition. They will then endear themselves to those in leadership and will eventually spring their trap. When they feel that everybody is sufficiently fooled about their motives they will share with you their deepest secrets to draw you nearer. Then they spring the trap. They now can burden you with secrets of others and gossip that makes you stay up at night because they have developed a credibility that is actually a lie. They call you with urgent news. They give you the scoop first, with no dirt edited or removed, then have the audacity to lead you in prayer for the person whose reputation they just verbally murdered. You can't tell at first but your sight for the kingdom begins to dim. You can't see the vision for your church or leaders quite as clear and all of the sudden you have 10 people that you don't like now. It is strange that you can work at a job for 8-10 hours a day and can't find 7 people that you detest but most believers only spend 4-7 hours per week in the church and complain that they can't stand most of the people they know. This is a trap of the enemy and is a stumbling block to unity in the church. This is a tumor of the spiritual eyes and ends in blindness that is sometimes permanent.

Here is the solution **Matt 15:14 "Let them alone: they be BLIND leaders of the BLIND. And if the BLIND lead the BLIND, both shall fall into the ditch"** You stay focused so that you can continue to see the kingdom. Stay focused on your personal growth and reaching the mark set for you by Christ. You know the way is to follow Christ and His holy examples. **You be one who can say with assurance of the goal and directions, "Follow Me as I follow Christ."**