

# **“Losing One's Faith”**

## **Heb. 6:4-8**

### Introduction

- I. The church of Christ has a huge number of unfaithful brethren.
- II. For whatever reason, some leave the Lord and somewhat lose their faith.
- III. How can we guard ourselves from such, and also help to restore those who have gone?

### Discussion

- I. Why do some people leave the Lord, and/or lose their faith?
  - A. There are some particular traits that many of those people have.
    1. Pride (Prov. 11:2; 16:18-19; Rom. 12:3; 1 Tim. 3:6).
    2. Covetousness and greed (Luke 12:15-21; Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5; 1 Tim. 6:10; John 2:15-17).
    3. Stubbornness (Jud. 2:18-20; 1 Sam. 15:23; Rom. 2:5).
    4. Carnality (Rom. 8:5-8; 1 Cor. 3:3-4; James 4:4).
  - B. There are similar experiences that many of those people have.
    1. Personal tragedy (Eccl. 7:14; 1 Cor. 10:13; James 1:2-3).
    2. Bad experiences with family (Micah 7:5-7; Col. 3:18-21).
    3. Bad experiences with the church (2 Cor. 11:26; ; Phil. 1:16; cf. Matt. 5:43-48).
    4. Encounters with false teachers (2 Pet. 2:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:3-4).
    5. “Pollutions of the world” (2 Pet. 2:20-22; Gal. 5:1).
    6. Lack of trust in God (Heb. 3:17-4:2)

### Conclusion

- I. We must be careful not to lose our faith.
- II. Instead, we must continue to grow and be faithful (1 Cor. 16:13; Phil. 4:1).