

# Slacking Off

The tendency of some modern Christians is like that of our ancient brothers who received the epistle known as "*Hebrews*" in our New Testaments. These folks had not grown in their relationship with Christ (5:12-14); were beginning to forsake the assembly (10:25); had become sluggish in their religious activities (6:12); and were on the verge of falling completely away from the Lord (6:1-8).

Does this describe you? Perhaps you should ask yourself a few questions to see if you are in danger of falling from grace. First, are you as active in the Lord's work as you once were? Second, do you read the Scriptures as much as you did in the past? Third, do you attend less than you did in previous years? Fourth, do you feel closer to the Lord today than you did in the past?

If you are not where you once were... then you have moved in the wrong direction like the ancient Hebrew Christians. The warning of the Hebrew writer still holds true, that whenever people turn their backs on all that God has given us to bring us into relationship with Him, then "*it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame*" (6:6).

The Lord has no use for slackers.

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