

Why People Fall Off

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I. Areas Christians fail psychologically.

A. We fail because of psychological problems. We should not expect perfect peace always.

Psychological conflict is not abnormal or sinful. (2 Corinthians 6:10)

B. We fail because we have the wrong mindset. We must look to Jesus and have our minds renewed. (Hebrews 12:2; 2:9; Psalm 34:5; Hebrews 3:10)

C. We fail because of fear. We need to recognize the source of fear, which is not God. (2 Timothy 1:7; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:7; Romans 8:1; John 5:21)

D. We fail because we are production oriented instead of God-oriented. We suffer from worldliness and weights. (Luke 10:20; 8:14; Hebrews 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:1)

E. We fail because of the wrong theology. (Galatians 5:17; Ephesians 6:12)

F. We fail because we get impatient with God. (Hebrews 6:15; Isaiah 58:1-3; Proverbs 10:22)

G. We fail because we are disappointed with God. (Jeremiah 17:5; Job 15:15)

H. We fail because of idolatry. (Isaiah 47:10; Ecclesiastes 10:10)

I. We fail because of worldliness. (Mark 4:19;

J. We fail because of traps such as the gift of tongues that appear to be spiritual shortcuts. (1 Corinthians 12:25; John 16:14)

K. We fail because of family problems. (John 13; Proverbs 22:15, 6)

L. We fail because of refusing God's comfort in tragedy. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

1. Most is self-inflicted because of sin.

2. Some is because of the world we live in. (Hebrews 11:13; 1 Peter 2:11)

3. Suffering is for purification, patience and humility when we allow God to use sorrow.

(2 Corinthians 7:10; Romans 5:3; 2 Corinthians 12:7; 1:8-9)

M. We fail because of rebellion against authority. (Romans 13:1-2)

N. We fail because we play to the wrong audience. (John 5:44)

O. We fail because the lid is screwed on too tight.

II. Areas Christians fail physically.

A. We fail because of the opposite sex. (Job 31:1; Proverbs 24:5; Matthew 6:22)

B. We fail because of laziness. (Hebrews 6:12; Proverbs 13:21)

C. We fail because of hyper-activity. (Mark 6:31; Proverbs 18:25; 21:5; 19:2)

D. We fail because we wear out. (Daniel 7:25; Psalm 71:18)

E. We fail because of poverty or prosperity. (Proverbs 30:8-9)

F. We fail because of negative association. (1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 13:20)

G. We fail because of mismanagement of finances.

III. Areas Christians fail spiritually.

A. We fail because of bad attitudes. (1 Peter 2:1-2)

B. We fail because we coast.

C. We fail because of self-sufficiency.

D. We fail because we do not have fellowship with God. (1 Corinthians 1:9; Jeremiah 2:32)

E. We fail because we do not have Christian fellowship. (Malachi 3:16)

F. We fail because of pride. (1 Corinthians 4:7; 1:29; 2 Corinthians 10:17, 5)

G. We fail because of sin. (Song of Solomon 1:6)

IV. Remedies.

A. A genuine commitment to God.

B. Discipline.

C. Faith.

D. Maintaining health.

E. Be submissive. (James 4:7-8)

F. Daily obedience. (1 Samuel 15:22)

G. Using learned truth. (1 John 1:7)

H. Profit from discipline and testing. (Hebrews 5:8; 12:6; Revelation 3:19; Isaiah 38:16)

I. Setting as a goal to be spiritually educated through the Word of God. (Colossians 1:9-10)

J. Permit yourself to be rebuked and exhorted by fellow Christians. (1 Timothy 5:20; Hebrews 10:25; Proverbs 20:23; Leviticus 18:21; Ezekiel 3)

Application questions

1. What does the healthy Christian life look like?

2. How does Satan get to you most?

3. How can you better prepare for Satan's attacks in your areas of weakness? Be specific.
