



Daily Devotion



“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:15-16

*Let everyone, therefore, aid and assist, first, in promoting the public preaching and hearing of the Word of God everywhere that the church may be well established and built up. Then let him put on the wedding garment...let him be careful to be found as one who has accepted the Word of God in earnest, uninfluenced by the thoughts of presumptuous spirits who reason: Oh, I have pastors and preachers enough; I can hear and read the Word whenever I please; I can easily get at it any day. But my first concern must be how to make a living for myself. Let others look out for themselves. -- No, my dear fellow, be careful! You can easily fall in this matter. You can neglect your spiritual welfare, be found without the wedding garment, and thus pass away without it, or be led into error before you are aware of it. Whose fault will it be, then, but your own? You would not hear the admonition of St. Paul nor walk wisely and circumspectly. **Martin Luther***

Scripture is filled with warnings about falling away from the Faith. In the Greek language (the language the New Testament was written in), the word for falling away is quite often in the passive tense. What this means is that a Christian can fall away, not because he chooses to, but because he is neglectful. It is such a simple thing to stay in the Word - reading it, studying it, hearing it. Yet, as simple as this is, it is the most difficult art for the Christian to master, for the devil constantly tempts us to neglect God's Word, and our own flesh is weak and easily drawn away. It is surely true that, were God not on our side, none would be saved. He does not let Satan have his way, but fights for us to keep us with Christ in the one, true Faith.

Keep me, O Lord, among the assembly of those who gladly hear Your Word. Let not the devil nor my sinful flesh draw me away from Christ. Allow me to walk as one who is wise. Amen.