

Title: Backsliding antidote
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Psalm 32:8-9

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; **I will guide you with My eye.** ⁹ Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.

Numbers 11:1, 4-6

¹ Now when the people **complained**, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. ⁴ Now the mixed multitude who were among them **yielded to intense craving**; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?" ⁵ We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶ but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!"

Romans 1:21

¹ because, although they knew God, they did not **glorify Him** as God, nor were **thankful**, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Luke 17:15-19

¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. **And he was a Samaritan.** ¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" ¹⁸ Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Matthew 25:14-15

¹⁴ For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; **and immediately** he went on a journey.

Matthew 25:24-25

²⁴ Then he who had received the one talent came and said, '**Lord, I knew you to be a hard man**, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.' ²⁵ And **I was afraid**, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, **there you have what is yours.**'

Matthew 25:26a

²⁶ But his lord answered and said to him, 'You **wicked and lazy** servant...

Matthew 25:28-29

²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. ²⁹ 'For to everyone who has, **more will be given**, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has **will be taken away**.'

Matthew Henry

"Lord, I was no spendthrift of my estate, no prodigal of my time, no profaner of my Sabbaths, no opposer of good ministers and good preaching; Lord, I never ridiculed my bible, nor set my wits to work to banter religion, nor abused my power to persecute any good man; I never drowned my parts, nor wasted God's good creatures in drunkenness and gluttony, nor ever to my knowledge did I do injury to any body." Many that are called Christians, build great hopes for heaven upon their being able to make such an account; yet all this amounts to no more than 'there you have what is yours', as if no more were required, or could be expected.

Matthew 6:22-23

²² The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Revelation 2:26-27

²⁶ And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations — ²⁷ 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' — as I also have received from My Father;

Proverbs 25:28

²⁸ Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls.