

Title: How to Recover Lost Ground

Text: (Luke 15:12-32)

I. Return to Your First Love: Christ (Vs 17-21)

A. Repent: (Vs 17-19a)

B. Forsake: (Vs 20)

C. Confess: (Vs 21)

II. Return to your First Work: (Vs 19b) Foundational 5

A. Listen: To hear from God

1. Read: (Joshua 1:8)

2. Pray: (Prov 8:17)(Ps 91:1)

B. Obey:

1. Tithe: (Mal 3:10)

2. Witness: (Matt 28:19-20) (Acts 1:8)

3. Church: (Heb 10:24-25)

III. Disregard the Critics: (Vs 25-32)

A. Rejoice with the Father: (Vs 7,10,20-24)

1. Stop Resisting God: (1 Pet 5:5-7) (James 4:7)

2. Admit it is Sin & NOT a Weakness: (Eph 4:27)

B. Resist the Devil: (1 Pet 5:8-9)

1. Why I know the Devil exists.

a. He's Alive – I have seen his power

b. He's a Liar – Jn 8:44

c. He's a Loser – I know his Plight - Rev 20:1-3

How do I deal with the devil?

I. Remember - he is a defeated foe! (Heb 2:14)

II. Remember- You are on the winning side! (1 Jn 4:4)

III. Remember - Put on the Whole Armor of God

(Eph 6:10)

a. Suit Up Each Day: (Eph 6:11-12)

b. This is not a conventional war! (Eph 6:14-18)

IV. Remember – Don't give him an inch! Eph 4:27 “Place”

V. Remember – to always be alert! (1 Pet 5:8)

VI. Remember – Never Retreat

a. We are to Resist him and he will flee-(James 4:7)

b. We are to always resist him everytime-(1 Pet 5:9)

c. Jesus resisted him with scripture-(Matt 4:4,7,10)

d. Tell him where to go! (Matt 16:23) *Get behind me!*