Gaining Traction! Part 2

I John 2

I. Sin can cause us to get stuck

1 John 1:10-2:2 (NLT2)

¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

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Receiving Forgiveness sets us free. We gain traction and momentum.

We have an Advocate!

II. Unforgiveness will cause one to loose traction.

⁹ If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is still living in darkness. ¹⁰ Anyone who loves another brother or sister is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble.

II. Unforgiveness will cause one to loose traction.

When we forgive others of their offenses we gain traction and momentum.

III. Misdirected Love will cause one to get stuck.

¹⁵ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.

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A. The love of things becomes greater than our love for God.

III. Misdirected Love will cause one to get stuck.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NASB)

¹³ The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. ¹⁴ For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

III. Misdirected Love will cause one to get stuck. B. The love of Rules above Relationship Luke 7:36-50

Revelation 2:1-5 (NLT2)

¹ "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands:

² "I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. ³ You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. ⁴ "But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first!

⁵ Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.

IV. Listening to the Lies of the World, will cause one to loose traction and get stuck.

¹⁸ Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and already many such antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come. ²¹ So I am writing to you not because you don't know the truth but because you know the difference between truth and lies.



Chuck Templeton, Torrey Johnson and Billy Graham in a publicity photo for the European trip taken in the YFC offices in Chicago. Ca. March 1946. (Billy Graham Center Archives, Wheaton College)

IV. Rejecting the Lies and Embracing the Truth Sets one Free to Know and Trust God.

V. Doubt of your eternal destiny or security is a pit.

1 John 5:13 (NLT2)

¹³ I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

