Insights from Luke

#66: "A Sober Warning to Leaders and the Need for Increased Faith" Luke 17:1-6

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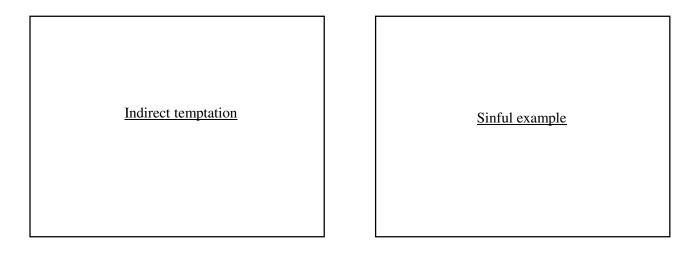
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"Inevitable" – ANENDEKĪOS

"Stumbling blocks"

Direction temptation



Failing to encourage righteousness

"Little ones"

Luke 17:3-4

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Luke 17:5

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How might we lead people astray?

Confronting sin is a normal function in the Christian walk.

Galatians 6:1

"¹ Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a <u>spirit of gentleness; each one</u> <u>looking to yourself, so that you too</u> will not be tempted."

We must be a forgiving community.

Thank you, God, for the gift of repentance and the forgiveness that comes through <u>grace alone</u> because of <u>Christ alone</u> and our belief in it through <u>faith alone</u>.