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# HEBREWS

PERSEVERANCE AND GODLINESS

# 8 steps of the “Path”

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1. Faith
2. Excellence
3. Knowledge
4. Self-control
5. **Perseverance**
6. **Godliness**
7. Brotherly affection
8. Unselfish love

**Perseverance** is when we choose to trust God in every test, temptation, and trial

**Godliness** is when we work to align our character, ethics, worldview, and thought patterns with Christ

## Second warning setup (3:1–6)

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- **Focus on Jesus!**
- Jesus is better than God's other revelation, prophets, other humans, and priests
- He is also better than Moses. He was great servant of God, but Jesus is the Son!

## Second warning foundation (3:7–11)

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- “The Rebellion” was Israel’s great falling away from God (Psalm 95:7–11; Numbers 13–14)
- Instead of trusting God to give them the land of Canaan, they turned their backs on him and those who wanted to obey him

# Second warning foundation (3:7–11)

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- The result? They were not allowed into the **rest** God had promised them
- This was the rest in Canaan from their enemies

# **What is the danger? (3:12)**

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**It is possible for a Christian to turn away from  
God with an evil, unbelieving heart**

# What is the danger? (3:12)

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Apostasy is basically giving up our hope that God can deliver and walking away from him

Choosing to believe in anything else is a rejection of Jesus in that moment

# What is the solution? (3:13)

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- It is every believer's job to come alongside a fellow Christian who seems to be drifting and neglecting and encourage them to not fall away
- "The antidote for developing a hard heart is a caring and encouraging community of believers."  
(Fruchtenbaum)

# Be careful!

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neglect → drift → unbelief / disobedience →  
fall away / forsake (apostasy) →  
consequences (now and later)

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The living God produced a living Word that has the power to change us now, but he will also use it to evaluate us later.

No one will escape God's evaluation.



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