



## Stumbling Blocks

Matthew 18:1-6

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- *skandalon* “occasion to fall (of stumbling), offence, thing that offends” (Strong)
- “any impediment placed in the way and causing one to stumble or fall” (Thayer)
- A trap, snare, hindrance

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- Sin is individual (Ezekiel 18:20), but in a real sense I am “*my brother’s keeper.*”
- God wants EVERY SINNER to be saved. Luke 17:2; cf. 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9; cf. John 3:16
- Stumbling comes but, WOE to the one through whom they come. Luke 17:1

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## How May I Be A Stumbling Block?

### False teaching.

- To Eve. Genesis 3
- In Israel. Isaiah 30:10; Jeremiah 5:30-31; 23:27, 32
- In the church. Acts 20:28-30; 2 Peter 2; 2 Timothy 4:2-4; James 3:1; Acts 20:26-27; Ezekiel 3:16-21

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### Neglect Influence.

- You are salt, light. Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:12-16
- Words & character counts. Colossians 4:6; Titus 2:4-8; 1 Peter 2:11-12
- May not involve things that are wrong in themselves. 1 Corinthians 8:4-13; 10:28-29; Romans 14

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### Neglect husband or wife.

cf. Matthew 5:27-32

- Physical satisfaction. 1 Corinthians 7:1-7; Proverbs 5:15-19
- Emotional satisfaction. Proverbs 31; Colossians 3:19; 1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:33

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## How May I Be A Stumbling Block?

- Neglect Children.** Psalms 127:3-5
- Teach the children. Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Colossians 3:21
    - Answer their questions. *"Where is the lamb?"* Genesis 22:7
    - *"What mean ye by this service?"* Exodus 12:26; cf. 14
    - *"What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the ordinances..."* Deuteronomy 6:20
    - *"What meaneth these stones?"* Joshua 4:6,22 ,

## How May I Be A Stumbling Block?

- **Neglect the church.** Revelation 3:15-16
  - *Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish" KJV*
  - Did not prepare for the generation to come. cf. Judges 2:10

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