

## He Was Carried Away

### I. Introduction:

A. We are warned, in various ways, of the possibility of falling away from the faith (**Luke 8:9-15**, **Galatians 5:4**, **II Peter 2:18-22**, and **Revelation 2:1-7**).

1. The purpose of lessons, such as these, is for us to be mindful that none of us are above the possibility of apostasy (**I Corinthians 10:1-13**).
2. We'd all do well to be as hardworking and careful as men such as the Apostle Paul were (**I Corinthians 9:24-27**).

B. Falling away is not necessarily a spiritual death sentence (**Ezekiel 18:20-23** and **James 5:19-20**).

1. There is a point of no return (**Hebrews 10:26-31**) and that point is not up to us to determine (**James 4:11-12**).
2. There are errors that brethren will attempt to aid with (**Galatians 6:1-2**) and those wherein we won't (**Titus 3:9-11**).
3. At the end of the day, if one falls from the faith they should not pull a Judas (**Matthew 27:3-5**).

### II. Body: **Galatians 2:11-14**

A. Barnabas was, on several occasions, a chosen laborer in the kingdom (**Acts 11:19-30**, **Acts 13:1-1-4**, and **Acts 15:22**; **Acts 15:35**).

1. He was there from the beginning and was self-less in giving to the saints (**Acts 4:32-37**).
2. He was influential in Saul's [aka Apostle Paul; **Acts 13:9**] being accepted by the saints (**Acts 9:26-31**).
3. He wasn't afraid to uphold the truth, even in the face of certain persecution (**Acts 13:46-50**).
4. He was unwilling to be exalted (**Acts 14:8-18**).
5. He once stood against the errors that carried him away (**Acts 15:1-6**).

B. Let's look at the words translated "dissembled" and "dissimulation".

1. The word translated "dissembled": "To act hypocritically in concert with; — dissemble with; To dissemble with; to act hypocritically with (Strong's # 4942). This word only appears in this passage.
2. The word translated "dissimulation": "acting under a feigned part, i.e. (figuratively) deceit ("hypocrisy"): — condemnation, dissimulation, hypocrisy. An answering; an answer the acting of a stage player; dissimulation, hypocrisy" (Strong's # 5272). Cf. **Matthew 23:28**, **Mark 12:15**, **Luke 12:1**, **I Timothy 4:2**, and **James 5:12** [condemnation].
3. We know hypocrisy is sinful and crippling for one attempting to do the Lord's work (**Matthew 7:1-6**, **Romans 2:1-29**, **Romans 12:9**, **I Timothy 4:1-5**, etc.).

C. Let's strive to not be carried away (**I Corinthians 16:13**)...

1. ... By others (**Ephesians 4:14** and **Hebrews 13:9**).
2. ... By ourselves (**II Peter 3:15-17**).

III. Conclusion: Keep GROWING to avoid falling away (**II Peter 1:3-11**).