

Sermon Series: The Gospel of Mark
Sermon Title: Yield Not to Temptation!
Sermon Text: Mark 9: 42-50

3 warnings

I. NO SUPPORTER IS TOO SMALL TO BE SANCTIONED! 42
Our Lord expands on vv. 38-41. He especially values the ordinary disciples who do not belong to an inner circle and reserves his fierce and final wrath against those who injure and destroy their faith.

- A. THE LEAST SIGNIFICANT PERSON

- B. THE MOST SERIOUS PUNISHMENT

- C. THE MOST SATISFYING PRINCIPLE

II. NO SACRIFICE IS TOO SEVERE TO BE SUFFERED! 43, 45, 47, 48
Verses 43, 47 – See Mt 5:29, 30; 18:8, 9. Frightening descriptions of the character and consequences of sin, whose presence and power in the disciples’ lives must be radically rooted out at all costs. The exaggerations do not weaken, but contrarily, strengthen the terrible reality of sin.

- A. BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME DANGER OF SIN 43, 45, 47

- B. BECAUSE OF THE EXPLICIT DIGNITY OF SALVATION 43, 45, 47
eternal greater Perspective that is Controlling

- C. BECAUSE OF THE ETERNAL DESTRUCTION OF SINNERS 48
No contradiction in eternal destruction. We’re not annihilationists.

III. NO SAINT IS TOO SECURE TO BE SANCTIFIED! 49, 50
Verse 50 – see Mt 5:13 on the impact of faithful discipleship; Lk 14:34, 35, on the cost of discipleship. Discipleship requires successfully undergoing severe trials and testing leading to purification and resulting in humility, faith working itself out in love, and peace among the brothers.

- A. THE COMMON CONCEPT 49

- B. THE CRITICAL CONDITION 50A, B

- C. THE CATEGORICAL COMMAND 50C