

# Caution: Slippery When Dry

Hebrews 3:12

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## INTRODUCTION:

Communion Catalyst

- Hebrews 3:12
  - “See to It”; “Take Heed”; “Beware”  
Words of warning. Be careful when things are good.
- Scripture Reading Hebrews 3:7-19

## Scripture Reading

### **Hebrews 3:7-19 NIV**

- <sup>7</sup> So, as the Holy Spirit says:
  - “Today, if you hear his voice,  
<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts  
as you did in the rebellion,  
during the time of testing in the wilderness,  
<sup>9</sup> where your ancestors tested and tried me,  
though for forty years they saw what I did.  
<sup>10</sup> That is why I was angry with that generation;  
I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray,  
and they have not known my ways.’  
<sup>11</sup> So I declared on oath in my anger,  
‘They shall never enter my rest.’ ”
- <sup>12</sup> See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. <sup>14</sup> We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. <sup>15</sup> As has just been said:
  - “Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts  
as you did in the rebellion.”
- <sup>16</sup> Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? <sup>17</sup> And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup> And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

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## Main Idea

### **Guard Your Decision Factory...**

- The stewardship of our inter life is our responsibility.
- The heart in scripture is that part of our personhood that takes in information, it sifts it, it draws conclusions and it makes decisions.
- **Proverbs 4:23** Guard your heart with all diligence, for from it flow springs of life.
- What we allow in one area, will spillover over into other areas of our lives.
- What type of screen do you have in your life to keep the wrong stuff out.

### **...So That Distrust and Disobedience Do Not Infect You...**

#### Infections

- Distrust – How often has God blessed me and done what He has promised to do and then I get in a situation and I complain about it. Do I trust God completely?
- Disobedience – Willfully disobey God's commandments, statutes, precepts. Am I going to do what God what has told me to do?

#### Why Guard The Decision Factory?

- **Hebrews 3:12** Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

### **...And Interfere With Your Walk With God**

## **CONCLUSION:**

#### Every Sermon Should Have Something To

- ❖ I Know and Understand – My heart is like a decision factory and I'm responsible to take care of it. And it comes up with conclusions based on what I put in it.
- ❖ I Believe – I believe God has given me the responsibility to take care of my inter life.
- ❖ I Seek To Do – I want to feed my inter life with things that honor God and maintain the filters of my inter life to keep out wrong things.

We have an obligation one to another to caution each other of wrong and dangerous situations we see in each other's lives.