

These Small Stumbles Can Lead to a Huge Moral Fall

It's not just celebrities who fall from leadership.

There are too many who quietly step down from leadership because, in some way, they have disqualified themselves. They just don't make the headlines.

My hope is always for restoration, but the greater need is to help leaders prevent a fall in the first place.

As the body of Christ, it's important that our disposition toward fallen leaders is *not* judgment, but compassion resulting in prayer. This does not suggest lowered standards; it speaks to grace and hope for restoration.

So what can we do? What practices can leaders themselves put in place to stay proactive and help prevent a fall?

The best first step is to identify and watch for the "smaller" stumbles that lead to a big fall.

That's a common deception of the devil. He loves to make things *look* small and harmless, like no big deal. "What's a tiny little slip in integrity when, after all, you are doing good ministry for the people, right? ..." Wrong!

Much like the story in Genesis chapter 3:2-5. Adam and Eve knew they were not to eat from the tree in the middle of the garden. But the enemy deceived them: "The