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The  
**Backslider**  
in  
**Heart**

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## The backslider in Heart.

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- **Proverbs 14:14:** The backslider in heart will be filled with the fruit of his ways, and a good man will be filled with the fruit of his ways (shall be satisfied from himself in KJV).

**Backslider:** comes from the Hebrew word (*cuwg*) it means to flinch and hesitate, it carries the idea of avoiding to think about something; avoiding to confront something and avoiding to do something. Figuratively it means to retreat and turn away from one's faith and apostatize.

When the word backslider is used biblically, it refers to those who depart from God and from the way of his precepts with all their heart, and doing it with deliberation, with free choice, and with full purpose, and not to the slips of human frailty otherwise every sin would be counted as departing or turning away from God. There can be backsliding when the heart does not wickedly depart from God; but is through the infirmity and weakness of the flesh and the force of temptation; from this kind of backsliding the Lord's people are recovered and healed through repentance and by his grace.

**The backslider's heart:** refers to those who make a deliberate conscious decision to forsake their faith and turn away from God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and continue to live their life as they wish, and according to their own sinful passions and desires. This type of apostasy begins in the heart and the mind, and manifests itself outwardly in the life and the conversations of those who have chosen to live devoid of God.

Backsliding in the heart is not about leaving a church, there are many reasons faithful believers may leave a church, some of which maybe, priests abusing children, ministers having affairs or robbing the church treasury, false doctrine, or they have been mentally, emotionally, or spiritually hurt by a fellow member and the list goes on. A faithful brother or sister may leave a church, but it does not always mean they are forsaking their faith or the Lord Jesus Christ, in fact for some to leave their church maybe the most spiritually healthy thing for them to do.

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**They will be filled with the fruit of their own ways:** (v14) means that those who willingly and heartily choose to backslide may have the worldly rewards they seek given to them, and they may delight in their sins and get to enjoy the worldly riches their heart seeks after, but it is all as pigs' food because they will reap the full judgment and due punishment of their unbelief and their sins, and the just recompense of condemnation, they are bringing upon themselves accordingly. This is because it is a universal principal of life that deeds and works whether good or bad bring divine judgment, or divine rewards accordingly upon those who do them.

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