

Psalm 37:24

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For the Lord upholds him with His hand.

I like this! The statement, though he fall, lets us know that God expects us to stumble and fall from time to time. See, God doesn't plan to throw us away when we fall like we do each other. We throw each other away when we find out sin on someone. God does not do this, religious men do this. God declared that this good man would not be utterly cast down. He might go down for awhile, but I will not forsake him. God went one step further than a religious man and said, "I will uphold this fallen good man with my hand." He told us to do the same thing in Galatians 6:1, but so many people ignore it. Notice how this good man falls into the hands of God when he is sinning.

Here's the deal. When God sees good people repent of their sins and actually try to live right He marks them. He marks them as His very own children. He, in essence, takes them to raise. It's a lifelong process of attempts to live right with some failures along the way. I would like to reference you to this web page concerning failure: <http://www.cableone.net/bosullivan/Failure.htm> None of this makes excuses to sin. All sin must be punished by death and shall be. Sin is serious business in God's eyes. We have only one way to handle sin in our lives, it's found in Proverbs 24:16 *For a righteous man may fall **seven times** and rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.*

We must rise again after each fall! The righteous man does not have to fall. It says he may fall seven times. If he does fall he must rise again. To rise again is to get up off the ground, dust oneself off, strap the boots back on, repent of the sin, get deliverance from the sin (through Christ), and continue the journey ahead.

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