

“Scandals & Stumbling Stones”

Skandalon: originally was “the name of the part of a trap to which the bait is attached, hence, the trap or snare itself, as in Rom. 11:9, RV, ‘stumblingblock.

“In NT skandalon is always used metaphorically, and ordinarily of anything that arouses prejudice, or becomes a hindrance to others, or causes them to fall by the way.”

(Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 441).

From Skandalon, We Get The English Word: Scandal.

- **Political Scandals:** Gary Hart, Watergate Scandal....
- **Religious Scandals:** PTL: Jim & Tammy Baker, Jimmy Swaggart, Joel Osteen.

I. Causing Others To Sin As A Stumbling Stone.

- **Revelation 2:12-14;** Balaam’s Sin In **Numbers 25:1-9; 31:16.**
- **Romans 16:17-18. ASV** “*Occasions of Stumbling.*”
 - By Causing Divisions By False Teaching, Leading Others Away From Christ. **Galatians 1:6.**
 - **1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 2:17-18.**
- **Matthew 18:7-11 NASB,** “*Stumbling Blocks*”; **NKJB,** “*Offenses.*”
- Peter Tried To Get Jesus To Go Against God’s Will- **Matthew 16:21-23.**
- **Romans 14:13-17; 20-21.**
- We Need To Strive By As **1 John 2:10,** “*No cause for stumbling in him*” **NASB.**
 - In The Way We Dress, Talk, And Conduct Ourselves As Christians.
- God Will Take Away All Things That Cause Stumbling- **Matthew 13:40-43.**

II. Lack Of Faith In Jesus Christ As A Stumbling Stone.

- **Mark 12:10-12.**
 - The Jewish Leaders Rejected Jesus Because He Didn’t Fit Their Expectations!
- **Romans 9:30-33; 1 Peter 2:7-8.**
- Many Stumble At The Message Of The Cross- **1 Corinthians 1:18-24.**
- Even His Hometown Stumbled At Him, **Mark 6:1-3; 4-6.**
- There Is Great Blessing In Not Stumbling At Jesus- **Luke 7:23.**