



Oceanside URC—Adult Sunday School

“Carefulness, Not Carelessness”

Psalm 51:10–19; Canons of Dort 5.13

The Life of Perseverance #11

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If and when we have fallen into sin, repented, and been restored by the grace of God, we should live more carefully.

Not Carelessness

Neither does renewed confidence of persevering produce licentiousness or a disregard of piety in those who are recovered from backsliding...(5.13)

We are not to use our liberty as a license to sin. (Gal. 5:13; 1 Peter 2:16)

...Because of the power of God’s grace. (Ps. 51:10)

...Because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (Ps. 51:11)

But Carefulness

...but it renders them much more careful and solicitous to continue in the ways of the Lord, which He has ordained, that they who walk therein may keep the assurance of persevering; lest, on account of their abuse of His fatherly kindness, God should turn away His gracious countenance from them (to behold which is to the godly dearer than life, and the withdrawal of which is more bitter than death) and they in consequence thereof should fall into more grievous torments of conscience. (5.13)

Because God has ordained good works. (Eph. 2:10; Ps. 51:12, 14, 17)

Because God’s countenance is dearer than life. (Ps. 63:3)