

## Insights from Luke

#66: “A Sober Warning to Leaders and the Need for Increased Faith”

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“Inevitable” – ANENDEKĪOS

“Stumbling blocks”

Direction temptation

Indirect temptation

Sinful example

Failing to encourage righteousness

“Little ones”

**Luke 17:3-4**

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**How might we lead people astray?**

**Confronting sin is a normal function in the Christian walk.**

**Galatians 6:1**

“<sup>1</sup> Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.”

**We must be a forgiving community.**

**Thank you, God, for the gift of repentance and the forgiveness that comes through grace alone because of Christ alone and our belief in it through faith alone.**