

## **Recidivism**

Recidivism is the act of a person repeating an undesirable behavior or returning to an unhealthy identity after they have experienced freedom. The word literally means to fall back or to relapse. The term is frequently used in conjunction with criminal behavior and substance abuse.

Backsliders: those who have tasted and seen, but fall away, enticed by sin.

John 5:14, the crippled man. John 8:11, the adulterous woman.

Warnings: if they are entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

2 Peter 2:20-22

Assumptions and conclusions: the rational mind explaining recidivism and its consequences

Never healed.

Never lasting.

Never again.

Antidote to judgment: forgiveness is true past, present, and future.

1 John 1:9

## **Holding the Territory**

Embrace the new identity: receive it by faith, believe in your heart, confess with your mouth.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Mind renewal: Transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

Luke 8:11, the seed is the word of God

Stolen from your heart: deception, questions, false conclusions

Luke 8:12, so they may not believe and be saved.

Romans 10:10, believe and confess; proclaim truth; share your testimony

Lack of root: in time of testing they fall away.

Luke 8:13, be ready for the testing. It's only theoretical until it's tested.

Choked out: cares, riches, and pleasures of life.

Luke 8:14, do not "go on your way" but go God's way.

Good soil: an honest and good heart.

Luke 8:15, bears fruit with patience