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Today Is The Day

Today is the day. **What does that mean?** Today is the day that I will be very careful that I don't have a sinful unbelieving heart. Today is the day that I will make sure that my heart does not succumb to the deceitfulness of sin. Today is the day that I will turn toward you rather than away from you. Today is the day that I will both give and receive encouragement to passionately love, follow and serve you. Today, I will love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. **This is all very good. I do have a question for you.** What's that? **You are using that word, "today" quite a bit.** Yes, I am. **What about yesterday or tomorrow?** I can only live one day at a time. So, I am focusing on today. I am taking one day and one step at a time. **That is very good. Are these steps you are taking today brand new for you?** Oh no, not at all. Yesterday, I took all the same steps. Yesterday, I was careful to not have a sinful, unbelieving heart. Yesterday, I made sure that my heart did not succumb to the deceitfulness of sin. Yesterday, I turned toward you rather than away from you. Yesterday, I gave and received encouragement to passionately love, follow and serve you. **That is very good.** I hope and pray that I will take all the same steps with you tomorrow and every day after that. But here is the deal, here is what I know for sure. Were all my steps perfect? Did I never make mistakes? Did I never take missteps? Did I never sin? My steps were never perfect. I did make mistakes and take missteps. I did sin against you. But here is what I also know. I am moving forward with you. My eyes are on you. You are holding on to me as I hold on to you. You are leading me through life. You have given me a heart to love you with all that is within me. So today, it is my desire and joy to live my life with and for you. With your help, I know that today, will be similar tomorrow. You will help me to live a life that is good and right and pleasing to you. You will help me to love and follow and serve you one day and one step at a time. **Yes, I will. You can count on me.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I want a soft and obedient heart that loves, follows and serves you. I will be careful to guard my heart, so it does not become hardened by succumbing to the deceitfulness of sin. Help me to encourage others to live a life that loves you with all their heart. Amen

Becoming Like Christ Hardened By Sins Deceitfulness

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NIV Hebrews 3:12-13

Becoming Like Christ Deceived By Sin And Hardened Against God

Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.

NLT Hebrews 3:12-13

Becoming Like Christ Hardened By The Deceitfulness Of Sin

Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

NRSV Hebrews 3:12-13

Becoming Like Christ Hardened By The Deceitfulness Of Sin

[Therefore beware] brethren, take care, lest there be in any one of you a wicked, unbelieving heart [which refuses to cleave to, trust in, and rely on Him], leading you to turn away and desert or stand aloof from the living God. But instead warn (admonish, urge, and encourage) one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamor of his sin may play on him].

AMP Hebrews 3:12-13

Becoming Like Christ Hardened By The Deceitfulness Of Sin

Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

NASB Hebrews 3:12-13

Becoming Like Christ Hardened By The Deceitfulness Of Sin

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

ESV Hebrews 3:12-13

Becoming Like Christ Hardened Through The Deceitfulness Of Sin

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

NKJV Hebrews 3:12-13

Becoming Like Christ So Sin Doesn't Slow Down Your Reflexes

So watch your step, friends. Make sure there's no evil unbelief lying around that will trip you up and throw you off course, diverting you from the living God. For as long as it's still God's Today, keep each other on your toes so sin doesn't slow down your reflexes.

MSG Hebrews 3:12-13

Becoming Like Christ Hardened Against God, Being By The Glamor Of Sin

Beware then of your own hearts, dear brothers, lest you find that they, too, are evil and unbelieving and are leading you away from the living God. Speak to each other about these things every day while there is still time so that none of you will become hardened against God, being blinded by the glamor of sin.

TLB Hebrews 3:12-13

Becoming Like Christ Hardened Because Sin Has Tricked You

So brothers and sisters, be careful that none of you has an evil, unbelieving heart that will turn you away from the living God. But encourage each other every day while it is "today." Help each other so none of you will become hardened because sin has tricked you.

NCV Hebrews 3:12-13

Hardened By Sin's Deceitfulness Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Becoming Like Christ – Hebrews 3:12-13

In Context: *Read Hebrews 3*

Begin With Prayer: *Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.*

Meditating On God's Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture: *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

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What It Means: *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

When have you painfully discovered the deceptive and damaging nature of sin?

How are you being very careful to guard your heart so it will not be hardened by sin?

Why will giving into living a life of sin harden a heart and make it unbelieving?

When have you seen those with a hard and unbelieving heart turn away from God?

How have others encouraged you to have a soft and obedient heart that believes in God?

How are you encouraging others to have a soft and obedient heart that believes in God?

How has the Lord helped you to have a soft and obedient heart that loves, follows and serves Him?

Living It Out: *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Be careful to guard your heart so it will not become hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Seeing It Happen: *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that the Lord will help you to guard your heart so it will not be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Get Ready To Share: *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how you are guarding your heart so it will not be hardened by sin.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

Be careful to guard your heart so that it does not become hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will be careful to guard my heart so that it does not become hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I guard my heart today so that it will not be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin?
