

Lose the negative. Gain the positive.

1. I am here for benefit 9:42

- people to stumble. Luke 17:1
- when people stumble. Proverbs 24:17
- making people stumble. 1 Corinthians 10:32
- why people stumble. Isaiah 40:28-31
- cause people to stumble. Jeremiah 18:15
- causes people to stumble. Romans 9:32-33

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- is always condemned. Deut.14:1, Lev.19:28
- "cut it off" is a not a command.
- "cut it off" contrasts "...enter into"
- The contrast to "stumble" is Luke 13:24, John 10:9
- The only person I can help is
- I can make better use of "...your hand"
- I can make better use of "...your foot"
- I can make better use of "...your eye"
- Yes, but how? 1. Confession
- 2. Repentance
- 3. Enter into

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- Everyone benefits from Lev.2:13
- Everyone benefits from "salt is good"
- Everyone benefits from "...and be at peace"

My prayer list

Discussion starters

1. What was Jesus' attitude to buildings? Would Jesus approve of the destruction of historic sites? When IS destroys historic sites, do you appreciate their zeal? Should Christians destroy non-Christian sites? What part of our lives is of most interest to God?
2. Read Mark 9:42, and Luke 17:1. How serious is it to cause a stumble? What is the opposite of causing a stumble, and how do you do it?
3. Read Romans 9:32b-33. How can Jesus be both a stumbling block and a stepping stone?
4. What advice would you give to someone who told you they are trying to cut a bad habit out of their life?
5. Three times, Jesus said, "If **your** ...causes **you** to stumble, cut it...". Why can you only make these changes to yourself, and not to others?
6. No one enjoys difficulties, but everyone benefits from them. List some of the advantages we gain through difficulties.
7. When someone tells you, you are worth your salt, what do they mean? What can we do that might elicit such a compliment?