Preventative Religion  
Jude 24, 2 Pet. 1:10

Introduction:
A. Gospel’s twofold power:
   2. Prevents sin (1 Jno. 2:1; Heb. 3:12; 2 Pet. 1:10).
B. Gospel’s remedy for sin does not justify exposure (Rom. 6:1):
   1. Like doctor’s recommending prevention, rather than cure.
   2. Returning to sin is worse than never having been saved (2 Pet. 2:20-22)
C. Three elements of preventative religion:

Discussion:
I. The Word of God.
   A. Needed to meet God’s approval (2 Tim. 2:15; cf. Psa. 1:2)
   B. Needed to save the soul (Jas. 1:21-25).
II. The Worship of God.
   A. Regularly.
         a. To edify one another (1 Cor. 14:26)
         b. To gain strength from one another.
            (1) In order to cope with life.
            (2) In order to remain faithful.
      2. Privately (Matt. 6:6; Acts 16:25; Jas. 4:13)
      1. God does not need our worship.
      2. We need God and communion with Him.
III. The Work of God.
   A. Jesus was a worker (John 9:4)
   B. Early Christians were workers (Acts 8:4).
   C. Word of God produces workers (Jas. 1:25)
   D. Christians and congregations need to work for own safety (cf. 1 Cor. 15:58).
      1. Leaves less time for trouble (cf. 1 Tim. 5:13)
      2. Improves spirituality (cf. John 8:31, 32)
   E. Work must be the work of God (Jas 1:25; 2 Tm 3:16,17).

Conclusion:
A. How many backsliders did not first decrease interest in word, worship, and work?
B. How many backsliders that grew in word, worship and work?