

**Hebrews 12:12b: Disabled Knees; Hebrews 12:13a: Wheel-tracks Intro**

Note that the disabled knees keep the believer from advancing on the run as is required by:

**Hebrews 12:1** - For this reason, since we also keep having such a great battalion of witnesses motivating us, having stripped for action every impediment and the sin which so easily ensnares us, let us advance on the run with endurance in the conflict marked out for us.

Reversionism prevents the believer from accomplishing this task.

There are only winners and losers in Angelic Conflict. Interestingly enough, the losers think they are winning and are frustrated when their man-made agenda runs into difficulties.

Ironically, the loser often looks at God under these circumstances and lectures Him on how they think He ought not to be treating them, to wit: “O, God, why are You letting this happen to me?” Or, “O, God, if You are as powerful as You say You are, then make this pain and suffering go away!” Or, “If you were a God of love, you’d never permit something like this to happen.”

The ironic fact is, what the reversionist is experiencing is the goads of God, purposefully intended to hamper a human agenda.

For any believer to find success in this life, he must check his own agenda at the door in exchange for God’s agenda. God's agenda is found in the pages of Scripture. Follow His agenda for success. Ignore it for failure.

Respond to the goads of God and recover. Kick the goads of God and intensify your suffering.

PRINCIPLE: The God of goads will not be mocked!

And just in case you don’t know what the word “mock” means, here's help from:

**Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. “mock”:**

*To treat with contempt or ridicule; one that is the object of derision or scorn; the object of insulting or contemptuous action or speech.*

And just in case you weren’t aware of the divine policy forbidding such behavior, I remind you of:

**Galatians 6:7** - Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

**Galatians 6:8** - For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption but the one who sows to the Holy Spirit shall from the Holy Spirit reap eternal life.

**Galatians 6:9** - And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.

Sow rebellion, reap goads. Sow positive volition to the Gospel, reap eternal life. Sow divine good, reap rewards.

The believer remains in this life in order to share in the character of God. He cannot accomplish this with listless hands and disabled knees.

Reversion recovery begins the process of moving toward the level of sharing God's character. And reversion recovery begins when the believer chooses to activate the two power options: the filling of the Holy Spirit by means of rebound, and the Grace Apparatus for Perception by means of positive volition to the curriculum of the Grace Academy.

**Hebrews 12:12** - Therefore, restore strength to the listless hands and to the disabled knees.

**Hebrews 12:13** - This verse begins with the connective use of the conjunction: kai - “and”

What follows is a quote of:

**Proverbs 4:26** (New American Standard Version) - Watch the path of your feet and all your ways will be established.

There are two words in the Hebrew we need to note in this verse:

1. Path: ma'gal - “*a track, a rut in which wheels go; a way, a path. A wheel-track.*”
2. Ways: derek - “*A path worn by constant walking.*” Metaphorical use: Refers to the actions and behavior of men who either follow the way of righteousness or the way of the wicked. The metaphorical use can be seen in several passages:

The training of children in the principles of divine integrity:

**Genesis 18:19** - For I [the Lord] have chosen Abraham, in order that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way [derek] of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice ...

The Lord's standards are completely opposed to those developed by the fallen human race:

**Isaiah 55:8** – “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways [derek],” declares the LORD.

The volition of fallen man was observed by God to have developed a completely corrupt lifestyle by the time of:

**Genesis 6:12** - And God looked upon the earth and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way [derek] upon the earth.

The newly commissioned Client Nation Israel chose to immediately ignore divine standards in favor of a perverted lifestyle as per:

**Deuteronomy 9:16** - I saw that you [Israel] had sinned against the LORD your God. You had made for yourselves a molten calf; you had turned aside quickly from the way [derek] which the LORD had commanded you.

The final summation of human viewpoint and human norms and standards is expressed by Solomon in:

**Proverbs 14:12** - There is a way [derek] which seems right to man, but its end is the way of death.

Therefore, Solomon advises his son in Proverbs 4:26 to be alert as to which wheel-track he chooses to follow, the way of the Lord, or the way of the wicked. Whichever wheel-track he selects will establish his way of life.

The quote in Hebrews 12:13 begins with the present active imperative from the verb: *poieo* - “Be making”

present - Tential; used for an action that is demanded but not actually taking place at the moment in the Jerusalem church. Members are presently functioning under the guidance and leadership of human viewpoint in a status of reversionism.

active - Those who are in reversionism are to produce the action of the verb by beginning the process of reversion recovery.

imperative - Command; this is a direct positive mandate to begin an action. “Be making ...”

The accusative plural direct object from the noun: *trochia* - “wheel-tracks” + the adjective: *orthos* - “straight”

**TXL: “Be making straight wheel-tracks ...”**

*Trochia* is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word *ma'gal* and both are best translated “wheel-track.”

We are going to develop such a wonderful metaphorical application from this word that it is important for us to take time to properly define it.

### The Definition of *Trecho*

The root word is the verb, *trecho*. It is translated “run” in Matthew 27:48 but, metaphorically, in 1 Corinthians 9:24, “to run a race”:

**1 Corinthians 9:24** - Do you not know that those who run [*trecho*] in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run [*trecho*] in such a way that you may win.

The word is used to describe a person who made some advance in the Christian way of life but then spun off into reversionism.

**Galatians 5:7** - You were [*trecho*] running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

Paul uses the word idiomatically to express his desire that the Gospel would spread rapidly throughout the world.

**2 Thessalonians 3:1** - Pray for us that the word of the Lord may [*trecho*] run rapidly and be glorified.

The noun, *trochos*, means “a runner, a wheel, a course, anything orbicular.” James uses it metaphorically in:

**James 3:6** - . . . the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the [*trochos*] course of our life ...

Our noun, used in Hebrews 12:13, is *trochia* - “a wheel-track; a way, or a path.”

This definition is borne out by the standard dictionaries and lexicons:

**Vine, W. E. Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, s.v. “trochia”:**

*The track of a wheel.*

**Arndt, William F. and F. Wilber Gingrich. Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, s.v. “trochia”:**

*Wheel-track, course, way. ‘Make straight paths’ means that upon which one can advance quickly and in the right direction; symbolically of the moral life.*

**Liddell, Henry G. and Robert Scott. Greek-English Lexicon, s.v. “trochia”:**

*Wheel-track, rut, the round of a wheel, path.*

**Yeager, R. O. The Renaissance New Testament, s.v. “trochia”:**

*A path or rut, made by a wheel. Metaphorically, a way of life; course of action.*

So, “*wheel-track*” refers metaphorically to a way of life carved out by repetition. According to Proverbs 4:26, that wheel-track may establish the “*way of righteousness*” or the “*way of the wicked*.”

In Hebrews 12:10 we learned that divine discipline was administered to us for our profit so that we might receive a share of God’s character. His character is made available to us through our spiritual growth.

We learn of God’s character, acquire His integrity by learning His Word and applying its principles to life.

In Hebrews 12:11 we discovered that this investment of discipline paid back dividends from the source of divine integrity. Therefore, the reversionist is to pursue divine integrity and the lifestyle its principles produce by means of a recovery process. That recovery process begins in Hebrews 12:12 with rebound, the restoration of the “*listless hands and disabled knees*.” This accesses the first spiritual skill necessary for reversion recovery, the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Now in Hebrews 12:13 we move into the next phase of reversion recovery, utilization of the last two spiritual skills, the Grace Apparatus for Perception and the development and deployment of the ten problem-solving devices.