

## THE REASON WHY MANY FALL AWAY

Several years ago I read a statement by Elder John R. Daily that was published in a 1904 edition of Zion's Advocate, which statement I highly endorsed at the time, and still do. He said, "**Those who do not love holiness could have no greater burden than to attempt to practice it.**" This is so very true and I have seen it verified a great many times. His assertion explains why many people make a brave start on trying to become identified with some brand of respectable religion but soon fall by the wayside and go back into their former bad behaviors.

There is a very good reason why we are told that "strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matt. 7:14, Luke 13:24). If the way of righteousness were easy, where would be the honor in travelling in it? Where would God be glorified in our "being careful to maintain good works"? (Titus 3:8). None should think that the path of truth and righteousness may be traversed without opposition. The apostle Paul gave us fair warning that all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (II Tim. 3:12). Are we, brethren, willing to walk such a path?---**Elder Ralph Harris**