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The slightest departure or the smallest degree of waywardness may seem insignificant and harmless, but it takes me down a road which leads to serious sin and disobedience. We need to catch such wandering early before it’s too late.

Often such departure begins due to a failure to seek God “with my whole heart.” There is no better safeguard than wholehearted devotion to Christ. Following the Lord fully will be accompanied by a **dread of wandering**. The heart that delights in the Lord will be alert and will resist the very first step which might lead to a deviant path.

It is easy to start the sled sliding down the snow-packed bank, but once on the downward slope it is difficult to stop. It would have been better never to have started the downward journey.

LORD, “order my steps in Thy Word: and **let not any iniquity [not even the smallest bit!]** have dominion over me” (*Psalm 119:133*).

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