



**TRAIL TIP:**

**Watch Where you Step!**

Growing up in the Oklahoma/Texas region around lots of farms, barns, and animals in general there probably weren't many days that went by that I didn't hear this phrase resounding in my ears coming from one of my parent's mouths: ***Watch where you step!***

Now that can mean a lot of things to different folks from different backgrounds. Certainly if you lived in a house with a staircase this could mean the difference in stumbling down the stairs or making it successfully to the bottom of the stairs without incident.

On the other hand, if you grew up in a city environment this could make the difference in whether you safely stopped at the curbside or stumbled out into oncoming traffic because you stepped off of a curb and didn't make it past your childhood.

Now where I grew up, it meant watch where you put your feet because if you don't, you may step into a mess left by the cow, the horse, or even the worst of all by the dog that was here earlier.

You see the whole thing was a matter of thinking, observing, and obedience to the precept my parent taught of: ***Watch where you Step!***

You'd think we wouldn't have to be warned about such things. Certainly cleaning off your boots/shoes or nursing bruises from an accident would be enough to make us: ***Watch where you Step!*** the next time around, right? Well, not necessarily so, it would seem, as we are prone to make the same mistakes over and over again.

Obviously, this applies to more than a physical walk.

If we would just LISTEN to the Lord; read His Word; follow His precepts there would be a whole lot less of a mess to clean off of our boots and a lot fewer bruises to nurse from falling down the stairs.

However, there is some good news. The Bible, God's Word says:

***Psalm 37: 23-24*** *The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.*

The good news is that when you are a born-again/saved individual then you are able to receive direction from the Holy Spirit that lives within you.

When you "pay attention" in His Way then you: ***Watch where you Step!*** via the instruction of the Lord.