

# Autobiography In Five Short Chapters

## Chapter 1:

**(unaware)**

I walk down the street. **(Proverbs 7:7-8; 22-27)**

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I fall in.

I am lost.... I am helpless.

It isn't my fault.

It takes forever to find a way out.

## Chapter 2:

I walk down the street. **(2 Corinthians 4:4)**

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I pretend I don't see it.

I fall in again.

I can't believe I am in the same place.

But, it isn't my fault.

It still takes a long time to get out.

**(aware but not responsible)**

## TEMPTATION:

- 1) **1 Cor. 10:13** – all are tempted and there IS a way out!
- 2) **Hebrews 4:15** – Jesus knows what it is like but did not sin.
- 3) **James 1:13-15** – Our lust leads to temptation that leads to sin and death.

## Chapter 3:

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I see it is there.

I still fall in...It's a habit...but,

my eyes are open. **(Mark 8:25; John 8:12; Psalm 119:105)**

I know where I am.

It is my fault.

I get out immediately.

**(alarm)**

## Chapter 4:

I walk down the same street. **(Proverbs 4:25-27)**

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I walk around it.

## STAGES OF AWARENESS:

- 1) Unaware – no clue what's going on.
- 2) Aware – know what's going on but of no concern.
- 3) Alert – Aware of possible danger!
- 4) Alarm – Danger present and must act!

(reprint from "There's a Whole in My Sidewalk" by Portia Nelson, Popular Library, 1977)

## Chapter 5:

I walk down another street.

**(Isaiah 48:17; Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 10:24)**