



A WARNING AGAINST DRIFTING

MEANDERING AWAY FROM GOD

Without control over our direction, we find ourselves caught in the strong current of popular thought, conventional wisdom, political correctness. Currents will always draw the floater to its center where it's harder to escape so focusing on immovable biblical truth is a wiser strategy than trying to keep up with ever-changing conventional wisdom.

Hebrews 2:1-4 KJV

[1] Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. [2] For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; [3] How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him ; [4] God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

FOUR CURRENTS THAT EFFECT OUR HEADING

1. A Moral Current
2. A Financial Current
3. A Political Current
4. A Spiritual Current

WHY DO WE DRIFT IN LIFE AS BELIEVERS?

A main reason we drift is that we want what we think will bring us happiness. We don't have the patience or faith to wait on God to show us, this often starts the drift.

1. We neglect to read the word of God daily.
2. We lack a direction for our life.
3. We follow the wrong influences.
4. We become of the world, desiring the things and systems within.
5. We doubt God. Listening to society's opinions instead of God.
6. We sense defeat and stop fighting the good fight; apathy sets in.
7. We begin to seek material things to satisfy our needs.

2 Corinthians 13:5 KJV

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?



HOW DO WE DRIFT?

A drift is slow and gradual, we almost don't realize it but in every case God warns us in some way and waits for us to respond.

1. Quietly
2. Slowly
3. Unintentionally
4. Unexplainably
5. Effortlessly
6. Unconsciously
7. Blindly
8. Rapidly
9. Always away from God.
10. The longer we drift, the faster we go.

THE DIRECTION OF OUR DRIFT

You don't have to make a conscience effort in order to drift away from God, if you'll just be yourself, it will occur naturally. It's the subtlety of Satan who leads us astray slowly. Each day you distance, your heart gets a little bit harder until eventually your conscience is seared permanently away from God and you cease desiring him altogether.

We will not drift alone, usually we'll take someone else with us, and there is divine judgement both to the individual and to a nation that drifts away from God. Seeking God requires a deliberate, focused effort on our part.

THE SIGNS THAT DRIFTING HAS BEGUN IN OUR LIFE

1. We begin to wander away from the Word of God.
2. We begin to pray less; we seek less of God in communication.
3. We don't spend as much time in fellowship with others (church).
4. We make excuses why we no longer tithe, or do the Lord's work.
5. Less desire to share the gospel.
6. Less awareness of God's presence in our life.
7. Greater desire for the ways of the world.

Hebrews 3:13 KJV

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRIFTING AWAY

1. Get out of God's will and into sin.
2. We miss God's best he has in store for us.
3. It grieves the heart of God.
4. Can develop a hardened heart.
5. Can wreck us physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually.
6. Can cost us financially.
7. Dulls our ability to hear God, discernment, conscience.
8. We can harm others who are influenced by us.
9. Strong divine discipline "How shall we escape?"

Genesis 6:5 KJV

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

RECOVERING FROM YOUR DRIFTING

1. Start by trusting Jesus Christ as your personal savior.
2. We can never drift too far away from God's love for us, it's never too late to change course in our life, each new day, there's still hope for you.
3. Realization that you are adrift from God.
4. Repentance toward God for your sins.
5. Return to a life of submission to his will.
6. His word, prayer. Start getting into the scripture on daily basis.

WHY PEOPLE WILL NOT RETURN AND CONTINUE TO DRIFT

1. Don't think God will forgive them.
2. Don't think they can return.
3. Unwilling to give up their sinful lifestyle.
4. Lost the will to try.

1 John 2:15 KJV

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

2 Corinthians 6:17 KJV

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

