



Reasons For Drifting

❖ Easier.

- cf. Matthew 22:5; Hebrews 2:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; Romans 12:2; 1 Peter 4:1-4; Matthew 19:3-9; Jude 3; Luke 14:15; Genesis 3.

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❖ Deceived.

- Hebrews 3:13; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 15:33; Galatians 6:7; Titus 3:3; Acts 26:9-11
- Cares of the world, deceitful. Matthew 13:22
 - Weariness. cf. 2 Thessalonians 3:13; Acts 14:22

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❖ Lack Of Knowledge.

Hosea 4:6; Jeremiah 6:14; Ephesians 4:14-18

- Study. 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 3:15-18; Ephesians 5:17; Colossians 3:16

Reasons For Drifting

❖ Preachers not preaching.

2 Timothy 4:2; Matthew 28:19; Acts. 20:27

- Compromise not an option. Galatians 1:6; 2:5; 2:11
- Error not tolerated. 1 Corinthians 5:1ff

Reasons For Drifting

❖ Efforts To Serve Two Masters.

Matthew 6:24; Matthew 19:16-22; James 4:4; Matthew 16:24

Ruin Of Drifting

- ❖ Demas loved this present world and forsook Paul. 2 Timothy 4:10
- ❖ The Jews, time and again, drifted away from God. cf. Hebrews 3:12
- ❖ Those of the dispersion. 2 Peter 2:20-22

How To Prevent Drifting

- ❖ *Hebrews 2:1* "Therefore we ought to give the **more earnest heed** to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away (from them)."
- ❖ Must be consistent. Hebrews 2:2-3; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:58

How To Prevent Drifting

- ❖ **Definitions:**
 - "**Heed**" *proséchæ* – "To have in addition, to hold the mind or the ear toward someone ... to pay attention. As a nautical term, it means to hold a ship in a direction, to sail towards ... it means to hold on one's course toward a place." (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
 - "**More earnest**" *perissoteroos* – "properly, more abundantly; in the N.T. more, in a greater degree; more earnestly, more exceedingly, Mark 15:14" (Thayer)

Reward For NOT Drifting

- ❖ A crown of life. Revelation 2:10
- ❖ A crown of righteousness. 2 Timothy 4:6-8
- ❖ An inheritance in heaven. 1 Peter 1:3-5
- ❖ Share the Lord's throne. Revelation 3:21

Conclusion:

- ❖ Let us do so in view of the possibility of our drifting back into the world.
- 2 Corinthians 13:5* "Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves."

Conclusion:

Let us remember that we have **hell** to shun and **heaven** to gain.

- ❖ *1 John 2:16-17* "For all that is in **the world**, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of **the world**. And **the world** passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."