

Beware of the Drift

Web Page Notes and Handout

“Drift”—a gradual shift in position; an aimless course; to become carried along subject to no guidance or control

Heb 2:1 (CSB) For this reason, we must pay attention all the more to what we have heard, so that we will not drift away.

Spiritual drifting happens for one main reason—NEGLECT.

Other Signs of Drifting:

You find yourself ignoring something God is asking you to do.

The clear promptings are there but you discount them, write them off or push back against them.

You distance yourself from spiritual gatherings and conversations.

You love events and can talk all day but add spiritual to it and it's quite frankly, not your thing.

You feel spiritually apathetic.

You are indifferent to the things of God, its not very exciting to you. Your heart does not beat fast for what God's does.

You know truths about God but are not living them out.

I always say, “It is better to obey one Scripture than to simply know 1,000 Scriptures.

How does drifting come about?

Drifting comes when you fail to pay attention. (Heb 2:1a)

Drifting occurs when you slowly forget basic truth. (Heb 2:1b)

Drifting subjects you to other spiritual dangers and further drifting. (Heb 2:1c)

Tides that can cause further drift:

The Tide of An Out-of-Control Schedule. (Eph 5:16)Three

The Tide of Misplaced Affection. (1 John 2:15)

The Tide of Abundance. (1 Tim 6:10)

The Tide of Discouragement. (2 Cor 4:8-9)

The Tide of Persistent Unchecked Sin. (Heb 12:1)

Three habits to combat the drift:

Habit #1 – Return to Him and Remember His Promises. (Zech 1:2-3)
(Heb 13:5; Heb 12:6-8)

Habit #1 Action Steps: Read - Connect – Apply

Read His Word Personally – Make it a habit to read or listen to a portion of God’s Word daily.

Connect In Community – Connect with others in a group or a class where you can remember His promises together.

Apply His Word – Make application in all settings where you hear, obey and share His Word.

Habit #2 Recognize the Battle and Reject Old Patterns. (Zech 1:4-6a)
(Eph 6:12-18; 2 Cor 4:4; 2 Cor 10:3-5)

Habit #2 Action Steps: Find – Begin – Step

Find a Faithful Spiritual Friend – Someone you can meet with regularly for encouragement and challenge. Men with men and women with women.

Begin New Patterns – Take our Growth Track to be equipped with new tools for new patterns.

Step Into Freedom – Take our Freedom In Christ course and retreat.

Habit #3 Repent and Refill Daily to Rebound Spiritually. (Zech 1:6b)

Habit #3 Action Steps: Exhale – Pause – Inhale

Exhale: Confess (1 John 1:9)

Confess means to say the same thing as. You agree with God that you sinned making no excuses.

Pause: Repent Change Your Mind, Surrender Your Behavior (Rom 12:2).
Be sorry enough to surrender your behavior to the Lord.

Inhale: Be Filled with The Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18)

You surrender that area of your life to Him once again and ask to be filled with the Spirit.

Beware of the Drift - We must BEWARE OF THE TEMPTATION TO DRIFT BACK TO THE SINS WE ONCE ABANDONED