

Study Guide
The Danger of Drift
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Key Passage:

So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.

Hebrews 2:1-4 (NLT)

“Drift” means – a gradual shift in position; an aimless course; to be carried along subject to no guidance and no control.

Answer the following questions:

1. **Is my relationship with the Lord as close now as any other time in my life?**
2. **Do I still make my daily devotional time a priority in my life without interruption?**
3. **Do I immediately think to pray in troubling situations, or do I fall into worry?**
4. **Does gathering with other believers for worship remain a priority in my life, or is it something I fit in when I am able?**
5. **Does my worship experience include serving, or am I focused on consuming?**
6. **Does my gathering with other believers for worship occur only on Sundays, or do I prioritize time with other believers during the week as well?**

Your answers to these questions can assess your priorities and determine if you might be drifting.

Read the following passages:

1. **Matthew 16:1-3**
2. **Luke 12:54-56**
3. **2 Timothy 3:1-5**

Why is it so important that we address any areas where we may be spiritually drifting?

We love the Bible, and we love to hear our pastor preach God’s word. How often, though, do we sit in a worship service, receive teaching from the Bible, and walk out of the service with little-to-no change in the way we live our lives?

1. WE DRIFT WHEN WE HAVE A “TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT” BIBLE MENTALITY.

Read Matthew 25:35.

When you read something in the Bible that you don't want to obey, do you say:

“I know what the Bible says, but . . .”

“Well, the Bible doesn't really mean *that* . . .”

2. WE DRIFT WHEN APATHY REPLACES OUR DESIRE TO GATHER TOGETHER.

Read Hebrews 10:25.

Have you “fallen out of the habit” of gathering together?

Do you have a desire to be a part of Christ's body, or do you believe “I don't have to go to church to go to heaven”?

3. WE DRIFT WHEN COMPLACENCY ABOUT SIN REPLACES CONFESSION.

3 questions can identify drift in this area:

1. **What are the three areas of sin where you struggle most?**

2. **How aware are you of the presence of sin in our lives?**

3. **How often are you going before the Lord and ask Him to reveal any sinful thought, attitude, or action in your life so that you can confess and repent?**

Read 1 John 1:8-10.

One of the most challenging things about walking with the Lord is that we must continually come under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and confess our sin before the Lord. And if we are negligent to or no longer convicted of sin in our life, we are spiritually a drift.

3 WAYS THAT WE CAN GUARD OUR HEARTS FROM SPIRITUAL DRIFT:

1. Continual obedience to the word of God.
2. Maintaining a desire and priority to gather and take my place in the body of Christ.
3. A heart that is easily convicted of sin.

Do not neglect the salvation that was received by grace and through faith in Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 2:3 (NKJV)

How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.