



Reasons For Drifting

❖ Lack Of Knowledge.

Hosea. 4:6; Isaiah 30:10

- Gentiles warned. Ephesians 4:17-18
- Study. 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 3:15-18; Ephesians 5:17; Colossians 3:16

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❖ Preachers not preaching.

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

- "Little compromise" not an option. Galatians 1:6; 2:5; 2:11
- "Little error" not tolerated. 1 Corinthians 5:1ff

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❖ 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: Hebrews 2:1*

- "**Heed**" *proséchœ* – "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 3:20-21

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 **the lust of the flesh** and **the lust of the eyes** and **the vain glory** 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.**"