

DRIFTING ALONG

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"Lest We Drift Away"

Things We Should Know About Drifting:



- ◆ **Requires NO EFFORT -**
- ◆ **Not Easily Detectable In The Beginning -**
- ◆ **We Never Drift Upstream -**
- ◆ **The Speed Downstream Increases -**
- ◆ **It's Harmful To Others -**
- ◆ **It Usually Ends In Shipwreck**

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Why The Warning?



- ◆ **A Real Danger** – 3:12-14; 6:4-6; 10:26,27; Gal. 5:1-4; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; 2 Pet. 2:20-22
- ◆ **The Dignity of Christ** – 2:2-4; 1:1-4; 10:28,29; 2 John 9,10
- ◆ **Without Excuse** – 2:3,4; Rom. 1:20; John 15:22; Eph 3:3-5; Col. 1:5,23
- ◆ **The Consequences** – Forfeit salvation - Punishment - 2:2,3; 10:28,29; Rev. 20:15; 21:8; 2 Thes. 1:7-9

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Warning Signs of Drifting



- ◆ **Diminishing Desire To Study God's Word & Pray**
- ◆ **Diminishing Desire To Be With God's People -**
- ◆ **Diminishing Desire To Share The Gospel -**
- ◆ **Increasing Thrill Over Things of The World -**

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Many Dangerous Currents?



The Current of Time

- ◆ **We can grow weary of doing good as times passes – Gal. 6:9**
- ◆ **The church at Ephesus had a good start but left their first love – Rev 2:4; Eph 5:16**
- ◆ **We can begin to rest on past accomplishments – Phil 3:13,14**

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Complacency

- ◆ **The danger of practice without focus & thought** – Rev 3:14-22
- ◆ **The danger of becoming dissatisfied with the “Old Path”**
– Jer. 6:16; Hos. 4:12
- ◆ **The dangerous push for change**
– 2 Cor. 11:3; Acts 17:21

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Society

- ◆ **Evil company corrupts good morals – 1 Cor. 15:33**
- ◆ **We are bombarded daily through TV and our daily contacts with worldliness, secular humanism & false religions – 2 Cor. 2:11**

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The Flesh

- ◆ **We war against the flesh –**
1 Peter 2:11; Gal. 5:17
- ◆ **How we feel at the moment –**
Prov. 14:12; Jer. 17:19
- ◆ **Materialism - here and now
over the future –** Mat 6:19-33
- ◆ **Daily Concerns –** Luke 8:14

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Take Preventative Measures

Give The More Earnest Heed

- ◆ **To the things we have heard –**
2:1,2; Prov. 4:20-22; Ps. 119:97-104;
Col. 1:23; Mat. 7:24-29
- ◆ **Get anchored - grow spiritually –**
Eph. 4:14-15; Heb. 6:18,19; Col. 2:6,7;
1 Pet. 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:5-10
- ◆ **Put on the whole armor of God –**
Eph. 6:10-18

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Take Active Measures

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ We then, *as workers together with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says: "*In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.*" Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

- ◆ **Search the scriptures daily** – Acts 17:11
- ◆ **Watch & Pray** – Mark 14:38; 1 Cor. 16:13;
- ◆ **Edify one another** – Heb. 3:13; 10:24,25
- ◆ **Be sober and vigilant** – 1 Pet. 5:8; Titus 2:14
- ◆ **Keep pressing forward** – Phil. 3:12-16



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There Are But Two Choices

Matthew 7:13-14 (NKJV)

13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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