**DO NOT DRIFT AWAY**

**Heb 2:1-4**

**Therefore we must give [**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hebrews+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29979a)**]the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. 2For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just [**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hebrews+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29980b)**]reward, 3how 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,* 4God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts[**[**c**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hebrews+2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29982c)**] of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?**

Drifting away is **something that slowly happens**. It's an unconscious process, often unrecognizable until it looks as if it's too late to repair the damage.

* Don’t drift away from the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ –

**Gal 3:1-3**

**O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?**

**2This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

**3Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?**

* Don’t drift away from your fellowship with the Holy Spirit – anxiety is one of the things that destroy your fellowship with the Holy Spirit!
* Don’t drift away from your love for God and others –‘because iniquity will abound, the love of many will wax cold’

**Matt 24:10-13**

**At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved**

* Don’t drift away from purpose – Demas has deserted me because he loves this present world

**2 Tim 4:10-11**

**for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. 11Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry**

* Don’t drift away from life of sacrifice

**2 Cor 8:1-7**

**And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. 5And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. 6So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. 7But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28940a)**]—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.**

* Don’t drift away from doing good – do not be wearied in doing good, for you shall reap if you faint not

[**Galatians 6:8-9**](https://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/bible.show/sVerseID/29197/eVerseID/29198) **For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.**

**Why do people drift away?**

* When enticed (that it is better on the other side)

**James 1:14-15**

**but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.**

* Delayed fulfillment of desire
* Discouragement
* Not resisting the attacks of the devil

**The end of drifting away – perdition**

**Heb 10:37-39**

**“For yet a little while,  
*And* He[**[**l**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hebrews+10&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30171l)**] who is coming will come and will not [**[**m**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hebrews+10&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30171m)**]tarry.  
38Now the[**[**n**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hebrews+10&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30172n)**] just shall live by faith;  
But if *anyone* draws back,  
My soul has no pleasure in him.”**

**39But we are not of those who draw back to [**[**o**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hebrews+10&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30173o)**]perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.**

**How not to drift away**

* Giving heed to the truth of the word of God –

**Heb 2:1**

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* Set your gaze – “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith…”

**Heb 12:1-2**

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

* Do not go solo – “iron sharpens iron”, “do not forsake the gathering of the saints”

[**Hebrews 10:25**](https://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/bible.show/sVerseID/30159/eVerseID/30159) **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another,* and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.**