

Constant Conflict

- Satan continues to work through the flesh to gain control of the spirit.
- Christ continues to work to conquer the flesh and control the spirit.
 - This he does by the word. "Go make disciples ... Go preach ..." Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; teach, Titus 2:11
 - You choose. Romans 6:16ff

Warning:

- *2 Peter 2:20 "For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first."
- 2 Timothy 4:10 "for Demas forsook me, having loved this present world" (cf. Colossians 4:14; Philemon 24)

Gradual Return To The World

- Hebrews 2:1 "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we <u>drift away</u> (from them)." "lest at any time we should <u>let them slip</u>" (KJV)
- Drifting. Galatians 2:5; 5:4; Luke 9:62; 1 Corinthians 10:12; Galatians 6:1
- The mighty fall. cf. 2 Samuel 1:25

Reasons For Drifting

- Easier.
 - cf. Matthew 22:5 "made light of it"
 - Hebrews 2:1-3 "give the more earnest heed" "neglect"
 - Accept a little sin. 1 Thessalonians 5:21; Romans 12:2; Matthew 19:9; Jude 3; Luke 14:15; Genesis 3.

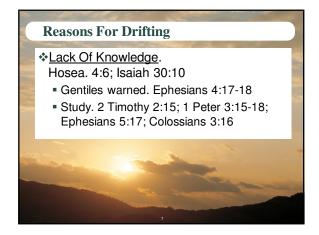
Reasons For Drifting

Deceived.

Hebrews 3:13; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 15:33; Galatians 6:7-9; Titus 3:3

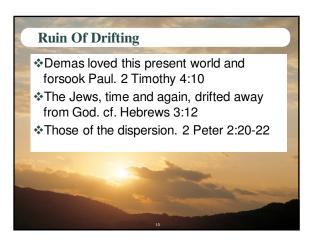
- Cares of the world, deceitful. Matthew 13:22
- Weariness. cf. 2 Thessalonians 3:13
 - Continue in the faith Through many tribulations we enter the kingdom. Acts 14:22

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Reasons For Drifting *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

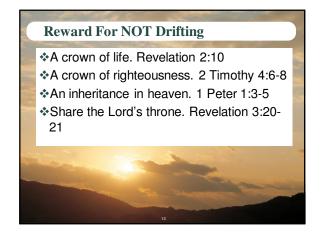
Reasons For Drifting *Efforts To Serve Two Masters. Matthew 6:24; Matthew 19:16-22; James 4:4; Matthew 16:24

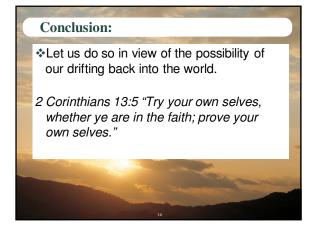


*Hebrews 2:1 "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away (from them)." *Must be consistent. Hebrews 2:2-3; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:58

★ 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)

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Conclusion: Let us remember that we have hell to shun and heaven to gain. * 1 John 2:16-17 "For all the sis gold! the lust of the flesh at glitters he eyes and the value of the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

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