

## Spiritual Drifting

### Revelation 2:2-5

Have you struggled to maintain your own Christian commitment in the face of disillusionment, spiritual confusion, or loss of perspective?

Listen to what the Author of Hebrews writes.

### Hebrews 2:1

#### I. Some Reasons Christians drift

1. Many settle for a shallow relationship with Christ.  
Lack of spiritual depth leads to nothing but a withered and dead spiritual life.
2. An Unwillingness to yield to The Lordship of Jesus  
There have been and will be times in our lives when we deny Jesus
3. Difficulties of life Galatians 4:8-11  
It is when life gets tough that we discover the mettle of our faith.
4. Deception Galatians 1:6-9  
It is vital to continually measure our opinions about God and Jesus with scripture.
5. Division Galatians 2:11-12  
There will always be people who will seek to divide those around them.

#### II. The Problems associated with Drifting

1. Lack of a fear of sin  
We live in an age where there is no longer any fear over the consequences of sin.  
God is clear on this issue; He loves sinners but hates sin.  
If God hates sin, how can we think that it's ok?
2. Lack of repentance over sin  
Too many who come to the altar and pray for salvation, walk right back into their old lifestyles.
3. Lack of victory over sin  
We have victory in Jesus and now is the time to live out that victory day in day out.

#### III. The Results of Drifting

1. Absence of Spiritual Growth  
It is impossible to grow in a relationship you choose to neglect.
2. Loss of Godliness  
Because we tend to walk away from the essential spiritual disciplines.
  - Daily time with God in prayer
  - Daily time in God's Word and specific times of reflection
  - Moving from talking about serving God to walking the talk with God.

#### IV. What Do We Do About Drifting?

1. Recognize our personal need.  
You can never have a closer walk with God, if you are satisfied with where you are right now.
2. Remember your past relationship with Jesus  
If you can remember a time in your life when you were closer to Christ than you are right now, you need to get back to that place.
3. Repent  
Turn away from your neglect of your relationship with Jesus.
4. Return  
Return to your closer walk with Christ. Return to where you belong.
5. Revival  
When you make the effort to get back to God, He will bring inner revival to your soul.  
When you neglect your spiritual walk for even a short time you begin to drift away from God.  
Stop drifting and decide now to come back to the relationship you have been missing.  
Stop drifting and develop that intimacy you long for with Christ.