



**"Don't Drift Away!"**

2 Peter 3:15 – "And remember, our Lord's patience gives people *TIME* to be saved..."

2 Peter 3:16 – "And those who are ignorant and unstable have *TWISTED* his letters (The Scriptures) to mean something quite different, just as they do with other parts of Scripture. And this will result in their destruction."

### **1. Peter's Final Words!**

- 2 Peter 3:17 – "**Be on Guard**"
- Proverbs 4:23 – "**Guard your heart**, above all else, *for it determines the course of your life...*"
- Luke 21:34-36 – But, watch yourselves, watch your heart, at all times...PRAY!
- 1 Peter 5:8 – Be sober minded, watchful, alert...

### **2. How do you drift away from the faith? You allow your feet to slip!**

- 2 Peter 3:17 – "**...then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing.**"
- Look at Proverbs 4:23-27...look at the breakdown here:
- "Guard your heart above all else, *for it determines the course of your life!*" (23)
- "**Avoid all** perverse talk, *stay away from* corrupt speech." (24)
- "**Look straight ahead, fix your eyes** on what lies *before you.*" (25) Psalm 119:105 / Hebrews 12:2
- "Mark out a straight path *for your feet; stay on* the safe path." (26) Matthew 7:13-15 / Proverbs 3:5-6
- "Don't get sidetracked; **keep your feet** from following evil." (27)
- Proverbs 3:23 / Proverbs 3:26
- Proverbs 1:16
- Proverbs 5:5-6 / 8 / 12-14 / 15 – 18 / 21 / Proverbs 7:8 / 14 – **What is so shocking???** Verse 14!!!
- **Point in all of this?** Your feet can take you where sin will destroy you!
- **Don't let your feet slip!!!** Remember 1 Corinthians 15:33! So very true today still!!!!

- Psalm 94:18! If you are here today, and your feet have slipped or stumbled away from the path of God...you have HOPE to turn to Him today!
- Psalms 121:1-3 – God is here to help you!

### 3. Your feet slip because your heart slips!

- Jeremiah 17:9
- Proverbs 6:18
- **Guard your heart! Why?** Psalm 73:2-3 – it's easy to WANT what the world has! Yet, THEY WILL FALL EVENTUALLY! Do not join them!
- How do we know they will fall? Proverbs 16:18 – “before a fall!” = trip or stumble!
- My heart will not go there...so my feet will not go there!

#### A. Don't allow yourself to even begin to drift away!

- Hebrews 2:1-4 – Don't ever forget what a GREAT SALVATION that you have been given! When you begin to forget that is when you begin to drift!
- Revelation 2:4-5 – The entire church drifted away! How do you not do this? Mark 12:30!
- Ephesians 4:14 – Stay with God's Word and the Gospel...NEVER listen or believe anything false!
- Hebrews 10:23! So good!

#### B. Example: Here is how it can so easily happen! Demas!

- Colossians 4:14, Philemon 1:24 and 2 Timothy 4:10!
- **Why did Demas do this?** I John 2:15!
- Paul in 2 Timothy 4:8...look at the difference that Paul shares about **someone who loves the Lord vs. leaves the Lord** 2 Timothy 4:10! (The reward for the one who remains!)
- I John 2:19!
- If Demas was with the Apostle Paul, and still drifted...**WE** can do the same! **Be on Guard!**
- **Please know this:** You can choose to set sail from God and Godly People! Don't do it! **Be on Guard constantly!**
- **A WARNING to all of us!** Matthew 24:12-13 – Don't allow yourself to grow cold! Keep Endurance until the end!!!

#### Closing: Is it possible to stay on the Path of God? Yes!!!!

- Daniel 1:8 – Do not defile yourself!
- **The result? An Excellent spirit!** Daniel 5:12 and Daniel 6:3!
- 2 Peter 3:18 – “**Rather...**” / **Rather** = Do this instead of let your feet slip! This is how your feet won't slip!
- **Stick with the Scriptures...the Truth...not anything false, twisting or deceptive!**
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