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From Where I Sit . . .

“Are We Drifting”

Billy Norris writes of a tragic event that resulted from “drifting”: “Two young men were fishing above a low dam on a river near their hometown. As they were concentrating on catching fish, they were unaware that they had drifted until they were not far from the water flowing over the dam. When they realized their situation, the current near the dam had become too powerful for them to keep their boat from going over. Below the dam the water was dashing with strong force over great boulders and through crevices in the rocks. Caught by the swirling waters under the rocks, they never came to the surface. After days of relentless searching, the divers finally found one body, and then, two or three days later, the other.” **(Gospel Guide)**

How can I know if my religion has grown stale and I’m just drifting along? One sure sign is a **Diminished Desire to Study God's Word and Pray**. The Bible is a unique book - a source of information not found anywhere else. Without God’s revelation, how could we truly know our origin, purpose, destiny? It tells us of sin’s dreadful consequences, and how God saves us from sin. It provides direction for living happy, useful lives.

Psalms 1:1-3 (KJV) ¹ Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Another sign of drifting that sends up a red flag is when we have a **Diminished Desire to Be with God's People**. This includes **attending services** to worship God. One should always have the attitude of the Psalmist - **Psalms 122:1 (KJV) “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.”** If we no longer rejoice in the worship of God in the presence of brethren, we are drifting!

Fellowship with God’s people extends beyond the services of the church. We are to be concerned with **edifying one another - Romans 14:19 (KJV) “Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.”**

Such **edification should occur even daily - Hebrews 3:13 (KJV) “But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”** The right kind of friendship strengthens us, while the wrong kind leads us to sin. When a Christian prefers the companionship of people of the world, rather than fellow Christians, he is drifting toward the rocks of spiritual destruction! **1 Corinthians 15:33 (KJV) “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”**

Brethren, are we drifting? The danger is real. We would be foolish to say otherwise. Many have drifted away from the Lord. We would be arrogant to say it could not happen to us! Are there signs of drifting in your life?

. . . . Terry Broome