



## ... Heart to Heart ...

**“For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.”** (Heb. 2:1) The Hebrew writer warns that there is a danger in drifting for those in Christ. In the book of Hebrews, the Jewish Christians wanted to go back under the Law, which would leave them without Christ. For us, we can become lazy and slowly drift by not paying attention to what we have heard and it will leave us without Christ.

How easy is it for us to drift? The word “*drift*” literally means, “to flow past, glide by without giving heed to something.” We come to the assembly, sitting with folded arms, not really worshipping from the heart because we already know what to expect. Is that a drifting? We sing songs because of the memorized words, without any thought to whom we are singing and what we are saying. Is that a drifting? When the preacher speaks on behalf of God, we take the attitude we’ve heard this or know that. Is that a drifting? Things just flow on by us, without giving any sincere thought about what we have heard. The danger of drifting is that one doesn’t know they are “*gliding by without giving heed!*” They believe themselves as all right before the Lord.

When we don’t pay much closer attention to God and His teachings, our life will begin taking on actions and attitudes that are against the Lord. We become lazy and indifferent. Our spiritual lives become sluggish at best (Heb. 6:12). It leads us into becoming dull of hearing (Heb. 5:11). A person who becomes dull of hearing gives little heed to what’s being spoken and their life slowly drifts along, away from the Lord!

The question we need to ask ourselves is: Have we gotten so comfortable, so at ease, so lazy, that we aren’t excited about assembling with the saints in worship to God? Does it thrill us to read and hear God’s word? How far have we really drifted?

We must pay much closer attention, be diligent in our lives or we will drift. The worst part, you won’t even know it’s happened until one day you find yourself in deep trouble without any help or answers.

God expects His people to have desires of diligence and striving toward Him and His word. We need to have our hearts in tune, excited by His word, whether spoken or read. Are you paying much closer attention today than in the past or are you just flowing along with little heed? The outcome could be devastating. Think about it!!!

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