

SPIRITUALLY DRIFTING ALONG

Hebrews 2:1

Introduction: "Cruising down the river, on a Sunday afternoon..." It is quite an experience to float down a river on a quiet, calm, peaceful afternoon, watching the river bank as you drift slowly along, smelling the fresh air, feeling the boat floating along. It is so relaxing. Sadly, there are many Christians drifting along spiritually in their Christian lives. They're not doing anything, just going along with whatever happens.

I. WHEN DRIFTING, IT IS ALWAYS DOWNSTREAM

1. Nobody can drift upstream, it takes effort to go against the current but no effort to just drift along.
2. The law of gravity is nature's way of pulling things along without any effort on their part. There is such a thing as a law of Spiritual gravitation which seems to do the same thing to a Christian life.
3. Dead fish float downstream, not upstream. Apply this to an idle Christian who is making no effort to live as Christ, that Christian is accomplishing nothing but is just being carried along with the world's pull.

II. THE DRIFTER IS SELDOM AWARE HE/SHE IS DRIFTING

1. The account of Samson, in the Old Testament, shows us about "spiritual drifting." Samson was so involved in worldly things that "he did not know that the Lord had departed from him..."
2. Satan seldom urges a Christian to quit the Church, or his/her faith. His strategy is to encourage the Christian to just relax, don't get in a hurry, there's plenty of time, there's others who can do this or that, just drift along, stay out of everybody's way.

III. THE DRIFTER ENDANGERS THE LIVES OF OTHERS

1. Those who do not pay attention to what is going on, what they are doing endanger others.
 - Driving a car and looking away, talking on a cell phone, etc.
 - Airline pilots who turn on the automatic pilot in bad weather, etc.
2. Aimless, ambitionless spiritual drifters are often a menace to the spiritual welfare of others, even their Church.

IV. THE DRIFTER COMES TO RUIN AT LAST

1. The waters at first seemed calm, then came the rapids, then the falls, then disaster.
2. There is a point of no return for Christians as well as those floating down a river. Sooner or later, the Christian has drifted so far away that there is just no more interest in his/her Church nor the things of the Lord.

CONCLUSION:

1. Drifting down a river is following the line of least resistance.
2. Christian, beware for you can be floating downstream, away from the Lord, away from your Church, away from what God wants you to be doing. Take a look around, which direction are you going?