

Drifting Away From God and Getting Back On Course

2 Kings 11-12 and 2 Chronicles 22-24 record the account of King Joash. He began his reign at age 7 and by doing what was right according to the law of God. But after the death of the priest, he drifted away from God and died at hands of his own servants.

Hebrews 2:1: "... lest we drift away..."

#1: Drifting requires no _____.

Hebrews 2:1, Hebrews 3:12-13

#2: Drifting is a _____ process.

#3: Drifting does not go _____.

2 Peter 1:5, 2 Corinthians 6:17, Romans 12:2

Signs of drifting:

#1: There is a diminishing desire to _____ the Word.

Psalms 1:1-3

#2: There is a diminishing desire to _____.

2 Thessalonians 5:17

#3: There is a diminishing desire to be with _____.

Psalms 122:1, Hebrews 10:24-25

#4: There is an increasing thrill for things of the _____.

2 Timothy 3:4, 1 John 2:15

How do I get back on course?

Take action: 2 Peter 1:5-11

Keep guard against temptation: 1 Peter 2:11

Expect to go against the current: Matthew 7:13-14

Have a solid anchor: Hebrews 6:19, Colossians 2:6-7

A practical lesson: Psalm 51

Contrition: v.17 – "a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise"

Confession: v. 4 – "Against you, you only, have I sinned"

Cleansing: v. 7 – "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean"