

# Drifting

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-Hebrews 2:1

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

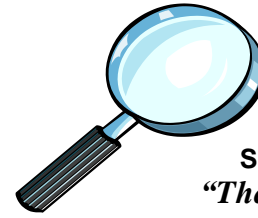
- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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### BEING EARNEST

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Drifting away from the Lord, becoming unfaithful, and departing from the living God is a very real danger for all Christians. Understanding this, the writer of the book of Hebrews writes by inspiration, “Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away” (Hebrews 2:1). By definition, “Earnest” means, “Resulting from or showing sincere and intense conviction.”

Being earnest involves...

**Interest.** There are things in life we are interested in, and there are things that hold no interest for us. People differ as to what their interests are, but one thing is for certain, the child of God must be interested in the things of God in order to prevent drifting. Do we show an interest or a lack of interest when we fail to pray daily, read our Bibles daily, or attend all the assemblies and Bible studies of the local church of which we are a member? -1 Ths. 5:17; Acts 17:11; Heb. 10:24-25; Ephesians 4:11-16.

**Involvement.** Being earnest also involves involvement. You cannot be earnest about a thing unless you are highly involved with that thing. How could your involvement with the local church of which you are a member be graded? We are told to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Every joint must supply when it comes to church membership (Ephesians 4:16). I want to supply all I can by being involved in as much as I can concerning the work and growth of the local church.

**Intensity.** Some folks can get pretty intense about a lot of things in life. Those men in Judges 6 became pretty intense when Gideon destroyed their alter to Baal (Judges 6:28-35). Oh that more Christians would show this type of intensity in serving the Lord as those idolaters displayed towards their false, useless god. Many today will do the work of the Lord, and attend the services “At their own convenience.” But if there's a family function, a ballgame, friends visiting, or even a good television program on the TV, you can depend on their absence in the gathering together of the saints. What a shame! Brethren, we need to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away! 🔍

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## GODLY WOMEN

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The godly woman is not only of great value to her family (Pro. 31:28), she is also a great asset to the Lord and His people.

### Converting Others

The church at Philippi began as a result of one woman's conversion (Acts 16:14-15). Lydia then made herself a servant to others and brought more people to the Lord—laying a foundation for the Lord's work in that part of the world (v. 40). I have seen this pattern repeated many times over in other godly women. Entire churches have come as a result of zealous women who trusted God's word over the traditions and error of false religions. These women "sanctify" their family by exposing them to the truth (1 Cor. 7:14), then spread that influence into the community with faith and humility. Timothy was a great asset to the Lord because he was taught the scriptures and led to the Lord through the influence of his mother and grandmother (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15). Let us celebrate, encourage, and utilize a godly woman's ability to win souls to the Lord (1 Pet. 3:1-2).

### Eldership

God has prohibited a woman from having authority over a man in teaching God's word (1 Tim. 2:11-12). Consequently, she is not permitted to serve in the role of an elder, deacon, or preacher, who each must do their work with authority (Titus 1:9; 2:15). However, she is still called upon to perform a very important role for the Lord in that an elder must be "blameless, the husband of one wife" and so forth (Titus 1:6). The same is true for the deacon. "Likewise their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things" (1 Tim. 3:11). Without godly women, there would be no men qualified to serve as elders or deacons. Her presence is critical in helping him perform his duties for the church, both as his confidant and aide, especially in spiritual matters with other women. Perhaps this is why God requires elders and deacons to be married. Their work is unachievable without the encouragement, presence and assistance of a godly wife.

### Training Other Women

God expects older Christian women to "be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed in sin" (Titus 2:3-5). It is a tragedy when older women are worldly and unable to demonstrate faith and purity to the younger generation. God's will is for women to show other women how to live for God.

Indeed, the Lord's work is dependent on women of faith and holiness. -

# God's Kingdom First!

## SERMON NOTES

*Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11**

### DUTY LIST...

#### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Kenny Todd  
Reading: Romans 12:1-5
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table:
  - Lead.....John Nelson
  - Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
  - Serve.....Michael Pickford
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

#### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Johnson

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;  
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

**Obey Today!**

**Thank You For Serving!**

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Available Upon Request!*