



Must Have Drifted Off!



Don't ignore the **message**. (vs, 1-3)

Don't ignore the **manifestations**. (vs. 4)

A small, simple boat is seen from a distance, drifting on the surface of the ocean. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light filling the sky and reflecting on the water. The boat is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the frame, moving towards the left. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Often people drift away from God not in
BELIEF, but in **COMMITMENT.**

Assumption

God cares mainly about faith/belief.

Presumption

I'm "good" (with God) even if I do **nothing else** except believe.


God expects the **BELIEVERS** to be
ACHIEVERS, which is the essence of
COMMITMENT!

Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance and faith, baptism, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

(Hebrews 6:1-3)

It is by grace you have been saved,
through faith. This is not of yourselves,
it is the gift of God, not by works, so that
no one can boast... We are created in
Christ to do good works, which God
prepared in advance for us to do.

(Ephesians 2:8-10)

The background of the slide is a soft-focus photograph of a boat on a body of water during a golden hour. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, yellowish glow across the sky and water. The boat is positioned in the lower right quadrant, moving towards the left, with a small wake behind it. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

What is it that I should be **committed** to or be vigilant not to drift away from?

BELIEVE in his word, i.e. receive it and apply it
REFRAIN from behavior/attitudes which God
hates

OBEY God's instructions for life and his
personal promptings

SERVE the Lord by using your talents and
resources to help people

WORSHIP God and acknowledge his presence
in his body, the church

PRAY in all circumstances, talking and
listening to God

What causes us to **drift away** from God?

a) stimulation elsewhere... we **peek**

b) tough/tragic circumstances... we **freak**

c) insincerity of heart... we are **weak**

