

5. Read REVELATION 3:19. What might God's discipline look like for those who backslide?

6. Read 1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-15 and explain the meaning of *suffer loss* in verse 15.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. When you sense God disciplining you, what is your response?
2. What step(s) will you take this week to cultivate spiritual maturity?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.



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The Peril of Drifting (Part 5b)

Introduction: HEBREWS 2:1-3.

V. The danger of _____
your _____.

A. Working out your salvation. PHILIPPIANS 2:12

B. Jewish Christians were tempted to seek the comfort of their old ways.

C. Christians today are tempted to seek the comfort of their old ways. HEBREWS 2:1; JAMES 4:7

D. _____ is usually the _____
to _____.

• Three symptoms that indicate backsliding:

1. Neglecting _____. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17; EPHESIANS 6:18

2. Neglecting _____. MATTHEW 4:4; COLOSSIANS 3:16

3. Neglecting to _____
_____. GALATIANS 5:22-23; 2 PETER 1:5-8

4. _____:

- 1 symptom = _____.
- 2 symptoms = _____.
- 3 symptoms = _____.

E. There are _____
to _____ your _____.

HEBREWS 2:3

1. You are _____ the _____. EPHESIANS 4:30
2. You will _____ and _____.
JOHN 15:10–11; 1 JOHN 3:21–22
3. You will likely experience the _____
of _____. HEBREWS 12:6
4. You will _____. 1 CORINTHIANS 3:11–15

Conclusion: If you have _____
of _____, God wants you _____.

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Suggest several specific ways to cultivate spiritual maturity.

2. Read EPHESIANS 4:30. What is the cost of *grieving the Holy Spirit*?

3. What might a loss of spiritual confidence look like?

4. Can one still neglect to cultivate spiritual maturity even if he is regularly in prayer and in the Word? Explain.