- Warnings Against Drifting
  - Romans 13:11 "...awake out of sleep..."
  - -1 Thes. 5:2-8 "...let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober..."
  - Heb. 2:1 "...lest at any time we should let them slip ("we drift away from them")..."
  - Prov. 6:6-11; 19:15
    - -poverty/destruction comes via laziness and complacency

### Warning Signs of Potential Drifting (6 pts)

- 1. Forsaking assemblies
  - Heb. 10:24-25 "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"
  - Missing Sunday p.m., Wednesday, Gospel Meetings
- 2. Decrease in prayer & study
  - 1 Thes. 5:17 "Pray without ceasing"
  - 2 Tim. 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved..."

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  - -3. Not living life soberly, serious fashion
    - Rom. 12:3 "...but to think soberly..."
    - Titus 2:12 "...we should live soberly..."
  - -4. Losing our first love
    - Rev. 2:4-5 "...thou has lost thy first love.
      Remember therefore from when thou art fallen..."

#### - 5. Forgetting from where we came from

- Luke 17:10b "We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."
- 1 Tim. 1:12-15 "...that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."
- 1 Cor. 6:9-11 "...and such were some of you."

#### - 6. Caught up in the world

- Luke 8:7 "And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it."
- Luke 8:14 "And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection."

- Some Ways to Prevent Drifting (4 pts)
  - 1. Stay awake! Daily examination, selfevaluation
    - 2 Cor. 13:5 "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"
  - 2. Busy about the kingdom's business
    - Gal. 6:7-10 "...And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."
    - Titus 2:11-14

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- 3. Prepare to meet God daily
  - Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."
  - James 4:13-15-brevity of life
- 4. Be watchful, on guard at all times
  - Matt. 24:42 "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."
  - 1 Cor. 16:13 "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."
  - 1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, know that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

### Romans 13:11-14

— "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."