

Point 4: The Discipline of Steadfast Repentance

Revelation 2:5 (NKJV)

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

**God does not want to be the most important part of your past;
He wants to be the center of your present.**

James 4:8 (NKJV)

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Repentance is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of a heart refusing to stay lost



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Point 1: The Subtle Danger of the Drift

Hebrews 2:1 (NKJV)

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV)

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV)

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Spiritual drift rarely happens because someone decides to leave God; it usually happens because they slowly stop doing the things that kept them close to God.

Point 2: The Trap of “Doing” Without “Being”

Revelation 2:4 (NKJV)

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

**The work of the Kingdom is a byproduct of our love for the King;
when the passion wanes, the work becomes hollow.**

Matthew 7:21 (NKJV)

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Luke 10:41 (NKJV)

And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

Luke 10:42 (NKJV)

But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

**You do not overcome spiritual drift by feeling guilty about where you are;
you overcome it by returning to what brought you close to God in the
first place**

Point 3: The Necessity of Guarding the “Good Soil”

Luke 8:14 (NKJV)

Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

Matthew 13:22 (NKJV)

Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

1 John 2:15 (NKJV)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**You cannot be filled with the spirit of the world and the power of the
Word at the same time; the former will always suffocate the latter**

**The goal of faith is not merely to start strong;
it is to still be standing when the battle is over.**