

# The Danger of a Drifting Soul

An Intensive Study Worksheet | Devotional by Dr. Jeff Reason

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## PART 1 | OBSERVATION: The Four Commands of 2 Timothy 4:5

Read 2 Timothy 4:5 carefully. Paul gives Timothy four commands. Write each one below, then describe in a few words what it looks like in daily life.

1. Command: \_\_\_\_\_  
In daily life: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Command: \_\_\_\_\_  
In daily life: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Command: \_\_\_\_\_  
In daily life: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Command: \_\_\_\_\_  
In daily life: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 2 | TRUE OR FALSE

Circle T or F based on the devotional.

- T / F 1. A boat with no anchor, paddles, or motor will usually stay in the same spot.
- T / F 2. Spiritual drift typically happens suddenly and loudly.
- T / F 3. Scripture describes the enemy as a roaring lion and a deceiver.
- T / F 4. Opening God's Word only on Sunday is enough to keep us anchored through Monday.
- T / F 5. Staying anchored means the waters of life will always be calm.
- T / F 6. We often discover God can do it all only after exhausting our own strength.
- T / F 7. God's love is an unbreakable anchor that will never let us go.
- T / F 8. Jesus told the restored man of Gadara to leave his home and follow Him abroad.

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## Cross-References and Scripture Memory

### PART 3 | CROSS-REFERENCE MATCHING

Draw a line (or write the letter) to match each passage with the truth it teaches.

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| ___ 1. 2 Timothy 4:7  | A. Nothing can separate us from the love of God: the unbreakable anchor. |
| ___ 2. 1 Peter 5:8    | B. Go home and tell others what great things the Lord has done for thee. |
| ___ 3. Psalm 119:105  | C. I have fought a good fight, finished my course, and kept the faith.   |
| ___ 4. Romans 8:38-39 | D. Our adversary the devil walks about as a roaring lion: stay vigilant. |
| ___ 5. Mark 5:19      | E. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.            |

### PART 4 | FILL IN THE BLANKS (KJV)

- "But \_\_\_\_\_ thou in all things, \_\_\_\_\_ afflictions, do the work of an \_\_\_\_\_, make full \_\_\_\_\_ of thy ministry." (2 Timothy 4:5)
- "Be sober, be \_\_\_\_\_; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring \_\_\_\_\_, walketh about, seeking whom he may \_\_\_\_\_." (1 Peter 5:8)
- "Thy word is a \_\_\_\_\_ unto my feet, and a \_\_\_\_\_ unto my path."  
(Psalm 119:105)
- "...nor any other creature, shall be able to \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39)
- "The fear of man bringeth a \_\_\_\_\_: But whoso putteth his \_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD shall be \_\_\_\_\_." (Proverbs 29:25, the Victory Verse)

### PART 5 | WORD STUDY

The word "watch" carries the idea of staying awake, alert, and sober. Using a study tool or the cross-references above, write your own definition of what Paul means by watching:

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*Digging Deeper: Short Answer*

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## PART 6 | SHORT ANSWER

Answer in complete sentences, using the devotional and the Scriptures.

1. In the boat illustration, what do the unseen currents represent in the Christian life?

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2. What three things must we do every day to watch and prevent spiritual drift?

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3. According to the devotional, what do we often discover only when we have exhausted our own strength and come face to face with our helplessness?

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4. What did Jesus command the restored man of Gadara to do, and how can you obey that same command this week?

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5. In your own words, what does it mean to make full proof of the ministry God has entrusted to you?

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*Personal Examination and Prayer*

## PART 7 | THE DRIFT CHECK: A Self-Examination

Be honest before the Lord. Place a check in the column that best describes you today.

	Always	Sometimes	Rarely
I open God's Word daily, not only on Sunday.			
I turn from sin promptly when the Lord reveals it.			
I talk to God in prayer every day.			
I face affliction leaning on God's strength, not my own.			
I have recently told someone what the Lord has done for me.			
I sense close fellowship with God in this season.			

## PART 8 | REFLECTION

Where have you noticed silent drift in your walk with God this season?

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Write a short prayer asking the Lord to reveal any sin that may be causing you to drift:

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## PART 9 | MEMORY VERSE

Copy the Victory Verse, Proverbs 29:25, by hand to begin committing it to memory:

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Bonus: Word Search

Find the sixteen words from the devotional. Words may run forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally.

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V	P	F	H	T	I	A	F	R	M	K	S	O	C	D
T	Y	H	F	E	N	D	U	R	E	I	U	A	V	J
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E	O	R	R	U	I	D	S	E	I	F	A	X	R	B
R	M	Y	A	G	T	C	G	M	A	G	E	R	F	Y
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## WORD LIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AFFLICTION | <input type="checkbox"/> ENDURE     | <input type="checkbox"/> GADARA   | <input type="checkbox"/> PRAYER    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANCHOR     | <input type="checkbox"/> EVANGELIST | <input type="checkbox"/> LAMP     | <input type="checkbox"/> TESTIMONY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CURRENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> FAITH      | <input type="checkbox"/> LION     | <input type="checkbox"/> VIGILANT  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRIFT      | <input type="checkbox"/> FELLOWSHIP | <input type="checkbox"/> MINISTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH     |

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Answer Key

Part 1: 1. Watch thou in all things 2. Endure afflictions  
3. Do the work of an evangelist 4. Make full proof of thy ministry

Part 2: 1. F 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. F 6. T 7. T 8. F

Part 3: 1. C 2. D 3. E 4. A 5. B

Part 4: 1. watch, endure, evangelist, proof 2. vigilant, lion, devour 3. lamp, light  
4. separate, love 5. snare, trust, safe

## Word Search Solution

	A					P	M	A	L			T		
		F	H	T	I	A	F	R				S		
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N	N		A	L						L	Y			
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