

The Road To Discovery Part VI; February 11, 2018

“Sidetracks, Rabbit Trails and Slippery Slopes”

Beware of spiritual “drift.”

When we get pre-occupied with other things.

When we lose our zeal to grow in our faith.

When we lose our sense of dependence on God.

“Then she cried out, ‘Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!’ When he woke up, he thought, ‘I will do as before and shake myself free.’ **But he didn’t realize the LORD had left him.** – Judges 16:20 (NLT)

“Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one--the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.”
— C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

**Seek to expand your heart and
change your life, not just fill your head!**

“But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. **Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know very much.**”
– 1 Corinthians 8:1-2 (NLT)

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. **It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.**” – Heb. 4:12 (NLT)

“But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.”
– James 1:22 (NLT)

Avoid obsession with spiritual “mysteries.”

Don’t let them waste their time in endless discussion of myths and spiritual pedigrees. **These things only lead to meaningless speculations which don’t help people live a life of faith in God.** – 1 Timothy 1:4 (NLT)

**Don’t let discouragement, disappointment,
or disobedience derail you!**

Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. **But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength.**
– Isaiah 40:30-31 (NLT)

“Then Jesus said, ‘**Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.**’”
– Matthew 11:28 (NLT)