

We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. Hebrews 2:1 (NIV)

Attention

You have my full attention. **Why did you say that? What do you have on your mind?** I want to pay careful attention to all that I have heard from you. I want to take every thought and word that I have heard and received from you deep into my heart and mind and life. **Those are very good desires.** I have more to say. **I'm listening.** I don't want the busyness of life to distract or divert or dissipate me from coming to know and do your will. I don't want sin or the cares of this life to cause me to wander off and drift away from you. I want to vibrantly and passionately live my life with and for you. I have no interest in partial efforts or half-hearted attempts to go and do what you ask of me. I want to be white hot for you and the life you have called me to live. I will hold nothing in reserve. I will make no retreats. I will have no regrets. I will go to wherever you guide me. I will do whatever you ask of me. **Those are also very good desires.** Yes, I know. These desires are not my own. These desires have not come from me. I can take no credit for having these desires in me. You have planted these desires deep into my heart and mind and life. **It makes me glad that you know this to be true.** It makes me glad as well. **Why is that?** I know you to be a giver and granter of desires. These desires you have placed in me are ones that you will fulfill in me. You will make me faithful. You will help me to be fruitful. You will keep me moving forward with you. You will fan the flame of my desire for you. **Yes, I will do all these things for you.**

I do have a question for you. I'm listening. **What are you hearing from me?** You want me to draw near and go deep with you. You want me to draw near to you in your word, in worship and in prayer. You want me to be still before you so that I can hear from you. You want me to be attentive to everything you have to say to me. **Yes, I do. Do this and you will never wander off or drift away from me. Do this and my desires for you will be fulfilled in and through you.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I will pay careful attention to what I have heard from you. I will put into practice all that you have taught me. I will live the life you have called me to live. I won't be distracted, diverted, or dissipated. I will do what you ask as I love, follow and serve you. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Careful Attention*

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NIV Hebrews 2:1

Becoming Like Christ *Closer Attention*

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

ESV Hebrews 2:1

Becoming Like Christ *Listen Very Carefully*

So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.

NLT Hebrews 2:1

Becoming Like Christ *Earnest Heed*

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

NKJV Hebrews 2:1

Becoming Like Christ *Greater Attention*

Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

NRSV Hebrews 2:1

Becoming Like Christ *Firm Grip*

It's crucial that we keep a firm grip on what we've heard so that we don't drift off.

MSG Hebrews 2:1

Becoming Like Christ *Closer Attention*

SINCE ALL this is true, we ought to pay much closer attention than ever to the truths that we have heard, lest in any way we drift past [them] and slip away.

AMP Hebrews 2:1

Becoming Like Christ *Listen Very Carefully*

So we must listen very carefully to the truths we have heard, or we may drift away from them.

TLB Hebrews 2:1

Becoming Like Christ *Closer Attention*

For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

NASB Hebrews 2:1

Becoming Like Christ *Be More Careful*

So we must be more careful to follow what we were taught. Then we will not stray away from the truth.

NCV Hebrews 2:1

Careful Attention

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Hebrews 2:1

In Context: *Read Hebrews 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What hazards in life have the most potential to cause you to drift away from walking closely with the Lord?

How could simply being preoccupied with the busyness of life cause you to drift away from the Lord?

How are you paying close attention to what you have heard about loving, following and serving Jesus Christ?

What spiritual disciplines are helping you to live in a vibrant relationship with the Lord?

Why will nothing be more important and of higher priority than living in an intimate relationship with the Lord?

How are you being encouraged, and encouraging others, to live in an intimate relationship with the Lord?

What steps can you take right now to draw near to the Lord to fan the flame of your relationship with Him?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Pay careful attention to what you have heard so you can continue to live in an intimate relationship with the Lord.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will help you to live in an intimate and vital relationship with Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are living in an intimate and vital relationship with the Lord.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you pay careful attention to the Lord so that you do not drift away from Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will pay careful attention to you so that I do not drift away.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I pay careful attention to you today?
