

Dig Deeper Devotional

The Slow Drift: What Inflation Reveals About Your Soul



Opening Prayer

Father God,

You are unchanging, eternal, and sovereign over all things. In a world where everything shifts—prices, priorities, and even perspectives—You remain constant. Yet I confess that my priorities can drift slowly, almost unnoticed, until I realize I have moved away from what matters most.

Open my eyes to what I cannot easily see. Reveal where I have allowed gradual change to reshape my thinking, my habits, and my obedience. Align my heart again with what is eternal.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Foundation

NIV – [Second Epistle to the Corinthians](#) 9:7

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

KJV – 2 Corinthians 9:7

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

Teaching & Insight

Not all change announces itself. Some of the most significant shifts in life happen quietly, gradually, almost invisibly—until one day, the impact becomes undeniable. A price increases here. A habit adjusts there. A priority shifts slightly. Nothing feels dramatic in the moment, but over time the accumulation tells a different story. That is the nature of slow change. You rarely feel it while it is happening. You notice it after.

Inflation is a perfect example. A small percentage increase year after year seems insignificant—until you compare what something cost before to what it costs now. The difference is no longer theoretical. It is real. It is felt.

The same principle applies spiritually. Rarely does someone wake up one day and decide to drift from God. Instead, it happens gradually:

- Time in the Word becomes less consistent
- Prayer becomes shorter, then occasional
- Giving becomes flexible, then optional
- Priorities shift toward what feels urgent instead of what is eternal

Nothing feels drastic in the moment, but over time, everything changes.

This is the danger of unnoticed drift.

The devotional insight from [Mondays with Mark](#) highlights a critical tension: when financial pressure increases, many people begin to cut expenses—and too often, giving to God is treated as non-essential -That reveals something deeper than budgeting. It reveals your priority. What we protect financially often reflects what we value spiritually. Scripture reframes this entirely.

Giving is not an obligation—it is an expression of trust. It says:

- God is my provider
- My resources are not ultimately mine
- My priorities are not temporary—they are eternal

When giving becomes the first thing reduced, it is often not about money—it is about misalignment. Misalignment rarely happens overnight. Misalignment is slow and quiet, incrementally changing. One day we realize something important has shifted.

The question is not simply: “Has anything changed?”

The better question is: “What has been changing in me that I have not been paying attention to?”

Spiritual health is not maintained by intention alone—it is maintained by consistent alignment.

DEED / ACTION

Today, conduct a priority check rooted in eternity:

Step 1: Evaluate

Where has slow change occurred in your life?

- Time with God
- Giving
- Focus on eternal vs temporary

Step 2: Identify One Area of Drift

Be honest and specific. Ask hard questions about where you have made a bend that does not reflect scripture. Ask an honest loved one who knows you their thoughts. Does that strike a chord? Take this to prayer and scripture.

Step 3: Realign Immediately

Take one action today:

- Recommit time to Scripture
- Restore intentional prayer
- Adjust giving to reflect priority

Do not wait for a “better time.” Slow drift needs immediate response.

Pause & Reflect

- Where have I allowed gradual change to shift my priorities?
- What am I currently treating as “essential” that may not be eternal?
- If nothing changes, where will I be spiritually one year from now?

Sit with this. Let awareness become action.

Hebrew Insight

- ”To stretch out, incline, or turn“ — (Natah) נָטָה •
- Often used to describe something that gradually bends or shifts direction
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Greek Insight

- ἡλάρως (Hilaros) — “Cheerful, willing, ready”
 - Used in 2 Corinthians 9:7
 - Describes a heart that gives freely and joyfully, not reluctantly

Giving reveals not just action—but attitude.

Closing Prayer

Lord,

Search my heart. Reveal where I have drifted. Show me where I have allowed slow change to reshape my priorities without realizing it. Give me the humility to acknowledge it and the discipline to correct it. Align my life with what is eternal. Let my actions reflect trust, not fear. And teach me to remain steady in a world that is constantly shifting.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Final Charge

Not all change is obvious—but all change is directional.

Pay attention to the small shifts—because they decide the big outcomes.

Sources

- [The Holy Bible](#)
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