How to Keep from Drifting Andy Stanley

I. Introduction.

- A. Many Christians' lives are drifting out of control.
 - 1. Some are aware that they are not close to God and are concerned.
 - 2. Others are ignorant or they do not care.
- B. There are forces constantly at work pushing us away from God.
- C. The Christian life is designed to get on course and stay on course.
- D. Text: Hebrews 2.
- II. In order not to drift, one needs to pay attention.
 - A. One must pay attention to God and the things of his salvation.
 - 1. Direction affects desire and motivation.
 - 2. Drifting begins with the thought of allowing wrong because it is not harmful in the big picture.
 - B. Whatever we focus attention on controls our lives.
- III. Areas of application.
 - A. Establish some reference points in your life.
 - 1. These are things we can check ourselves on.
 - 2. What we cannot measure, we cannot correct.
 - 3. One becomes great by paying attention to details.
 - B. Establish an accountability relationship with another Christian.
 - C. Establish the habit of praying for discernment and courage.

Application questions:

1. In what ways do Christians drift in their spiritual lives?

2. What does it mean "whatever we focus on controls our life?" Explain.	
3. Which area of application stands out to you? What strikes you about it?	