

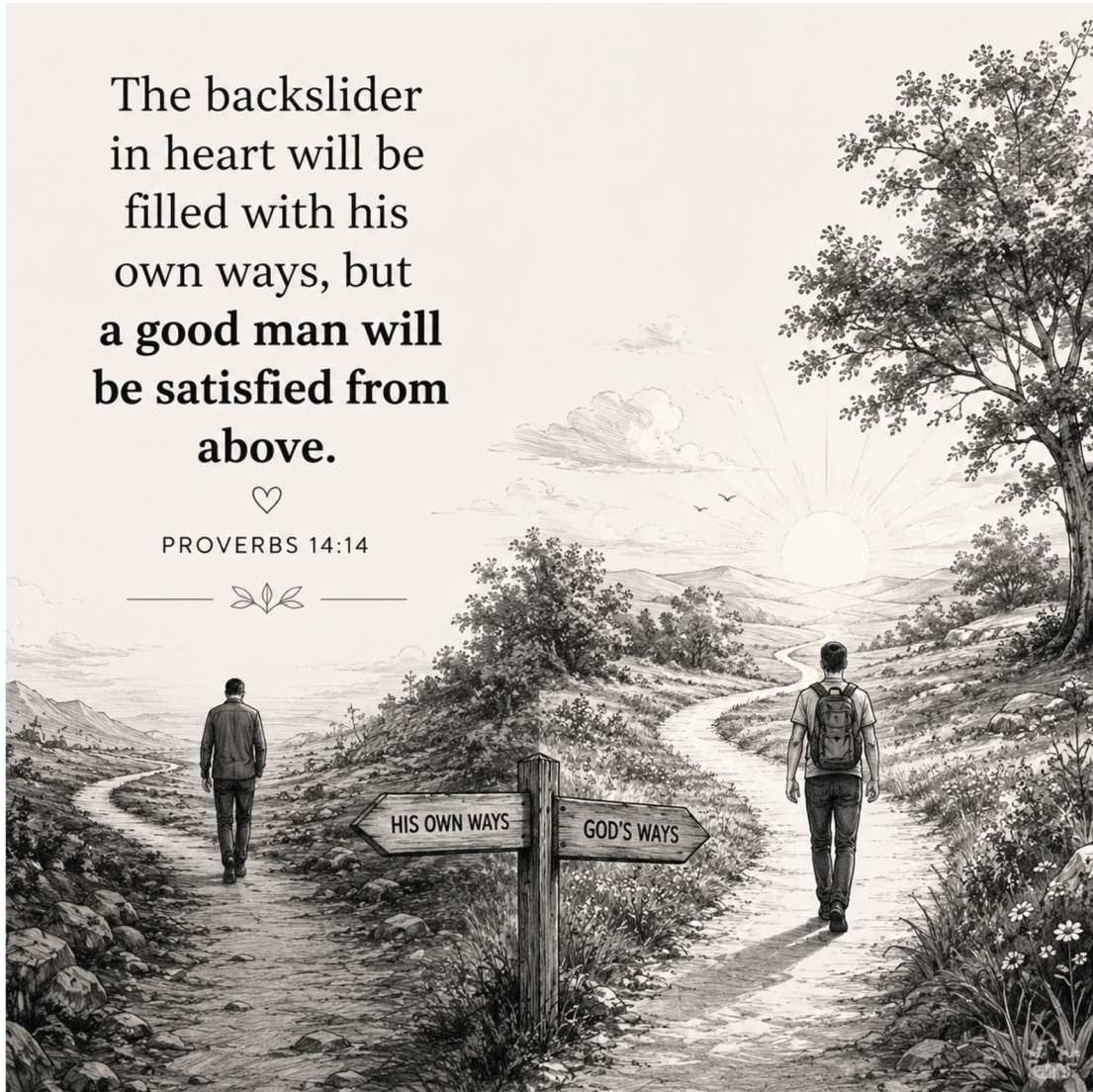
## Satisfied or Drifting?

### A Biblical Message from Proverbs 14:14

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PROVERBS 14:14



Hello Bible Besties! Today's verse is short, but it carries a powerful truth that every believer should pause and consider.

Proverbs 14:14 reminds us that every person is filling their heart with something. We are either filling it with our own desires, opinions, and worldly pursuits, or we are allowing God to fill it with His presence, His peace, and His truth.

One path leaves us empty. The other leaves us completely satisfied.

**This verse asks each of us an important question...**

**"What is filling my heart today?"**

### **What Does Proverbs 14:14 Mean?**

**"The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways..."**

Notice that Solomon says **"backslider in heart."**

Before someone drifts away outwardly, they usually drift inwardly first.

A backslider is someone whose heart slowly begins moving away from God.

It may not happen overnight. It often begins with small compromises.

Prayer becomes less important. Bible reading becomes occasional.

Church attendance becomes optional. Sin becomes easier to justify.

The voice of God becomes quieter because other voices become louder.

Eventually, the person becomes filled with "his own ways."

**Instead of asking,**

**"What does God want?"**

they begin asking,

**"What do I want?"**

That is the danger Solomon is warning us about.

### **What Does "Filled with His Own Ways" Mean?**

Being filled with our own ways means we begin trusting ourselves more than God.

We follow our emotions instead of Scripture.

We rely on worldly wisdom instead of biblical wisdom.

We pursue temporary pleasure instead of eternal purpose.

We slowly become our own authority.

The result is never true peace.

The world promises satisfaction but leaves people empty.

Only Jesus truly satisfies the soul.

## **The Beautiful Contrast**

Now look at the second half of the verse.

**"But a good man will be satisfied from above."**

What a beautiful promise!

The good man is not perfect. The good man simply desires to walk with God.

His satisfaction comes from above. His joy comes from above.

His peace comes from above. His wisdom comes from above.

His strength comes from above. His hope comes from above.

Everything he truly needs comes from the Lord.

## **Where Are You Looking for Satisfaction?**

Many people spend their entire lives chasing things they believe will satisfy them.

More money. A better job. Popularity. More possessions. More followers.

More recognition.

Yet none of those things can fill the place in our hearts that belongs to God.

***Only Jesus satisfies the deepest longing of our souls.***

## **Signs That We May Be Drifting**

Sometimes drifting happens so slowly that we hardly notice.

### **Ask yourself:**

- Have I stopped spending daily time with God?
- Do I read my Bible less than I used to?
- Am I relying more on my own understanding than God's Word?
- Have I become spiritually comfortable instead of spiritually hungry?
- Am I pursuing Jesus with the same passion I once had?

These questions are not meant to condemn us.

They are invitations to draw closer to Jesus.

## **How Do We Stay Close to God?**

Stay in His Word every day. Pray continually.

Surround yourself with Godly believers. Stay humble and teachable.

Repent quickly when you sin. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.

The closer we stay to Christ, the less likely we are to drift.

## **Cross References**

**James 4:8** "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

God always welcomes us back when we seek Him.

**John 6:35**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger."

Jesus is the only One who completely satisfies.

## **Application**

Today, ask yourself:

### **What is filling my heart?**

Am I filling it with worry?

Entertainment?

Success?

Busyness?

Or am I filling it with God's Word?

Because whatever fills our hearts will eventually direct our lives.

## **My Encouragement to You**

Bible Besties, every one of us has moments when we can begin drifting if we aren't careful.

The wonderful news is that Jesus never stops inviting us back into close fellowship with Him.

If you've become distracted...

Come back.

If you've become discouraged...

Come back.

If you've become spiritually dry...

Come back.

If you've been trying to satisfy your soul with everything except Jesus...

Come back.

Our Heavenly Father isn't standing with folded arms waiting to scold us.

He's waiting with open arms, ready to restore us, strengthen us, and fill us once again with His peace, His joy, and His presence.

The world may leave us empty, but Jesus always leaves us full.

Stay close to Him.

Walk with Him daily.

Open His Word often.

Pray continually.

And allow Him to satisfy your heart from above.

There is no better place to be than walking hand in hand with the One who loves you most.

May we never settle for being filled with our own ways when we can be filled with the presence of our wonderful Savior.

