

# “STEPPING OUT OF GOD’S WILL

## Deuteronomy 4

Moses was warning God’s people not to step out of His will when they finally entered into the promised land. Several times in Deuteronomy 4 he says, “give heed to yourself” (v. 9), “watch yourselves” (v. 15), “watch yourselves” (v. 23). So what are we to watch for? How do we know when we are stepping out of God’s will?

- I. When we STOP LISTENING TO GOD’S WORDS (v. 1 “...listen to the statutes and the judgments which I am teaching you...”)  
cf. vv. 6, 10, 33.
- II. When we START CHANGING GOD’S WORDS (v. 2 “You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it...”)  
cf. II Timothy 3:16
- III. When we STOP OBEYING GOD’S WORD (vv. 5-6 “...you should do thus in the land... so keep and do them...”)  
cf. Deut. 11:28 and 28:15-19
- IV. When we STOP PRAYING (v. 7 “For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as is the Lord our God whenever we call on Him?”)  
cf. Deut. 9:26
- V. When we STOP SHARING GOD’S WORD (v. 9 “Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen...make them known to your sons and your grandsons.”)

We know we’re stepping out of God’s will when:

1. We stop listening to God’s Word (preached & taught).
2. We want to change God’s Word (to justify our sin or condition).
3. We stop obeying God’s Word (ignoring or rebelling against His commands).
4. We stop praying by God’s Word (no confession, thanksgiving, petitions).
5. We stop witnessing of God’s Word (family, friend, the world).