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*"Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life!"*



**Sermon Connection Bulletin**

**"Stay FOCUSED!"**

**Sunday, July 2nd, 2017**



# STAY FOCUSED



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**Joshua 1:7 - 8 (NLT)** - "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do." Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do."

**THE DISCIPLINE OF FOCUS: Read Philippians 3:1 - 14**

- The Christian believer who longs to finish well will cultivate: (1) the discipline of **FOCUS** - (striving for the **single goal** [the **one thing**] until its completion, undeterred by obstacles or the taunts of the crowd; (2) the discipline of **FORGETTING** - refusing to be paralyzed or rendered complacent by the past; and (2) the discipline of **FOLLOWING** - intensely pursuing the calling of the Christian life until victory has been won.
- FOCUS** because... **FOCUS IS A \_\_\_\_\_!** "...this one thing I do..."
- Being focused is the difference between **good** and **best**.
- YOU ARE NEVER A FOCUS, UNTIL YOU HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_!**
- HOW SUCCESSFUL YOU BECOME IN LIFE, WILL BE DETERMINED BY HOW MUCH YOU STAY \_\_\_\_\_, WHERE YOU BELONG.
- The Word FOCUS (as an acronym) contains **5-Five Steps to God's best**:
  - F** - Focus on the Goal
  - O** - Overcome Indifference
  - C** - Conquer Worry, Fear, Panic, and Paralysis
  - U** - Undo "Blurred Vision"
  - S** - Stop Hanging with Unfocused Friends
- We are to FOCUS on:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - Our God-given **PURPOSE**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Glorious, Good **PLAN** of GOD for our lives. **Jeremiah 29:11**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - The **PRESS** for the **PRIZE** He has for us as we achieve the "Marks" that are laid out for us to **PURSUE**.
- FOCUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO DESTROY \_\_\_\_\_!**
- One of the main reasons people fail is because of BROKEN \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**THE DANGER OF DISTRACTIONS: Read 1 Samuel 11:1 - 5 (NLT)**
- "WHENEVER YOU AVOID THE BATTLE YOU WERE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR, YOU FACE A BATTLE YOU ARE NOT \_\_\_\_\_ FOR!"**
- Where did David go wrong?
  - 1<sup>st</sup> - He **IGNORED** his *place* and *purpose* (11:1)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - He **INDULGED** his *fleshes passion* (11:2)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - He **INITIATED** the *proposition* (11:3)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - He **IGNORED** the *prohibition* (11:4)
- TEMPTATION** is also not just a single event but a process involving four stages: (1) **Enticement** (2) **Entrapment** (3) **Endorsement** and (4) **Enslavement**.
- CONSIDER THAT, DISTRACTIONS ARE THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR DREAM IN SLOW MOTION!** You must **DECIDE**:
  - (1) What matters **MOST!**
  - (2) What matters **NOW!**
  - (3) And, what matters to **PURPOSE, PRIORITY** and **PLAN** of God to you!

**FOCUSED NOTES:**

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**REACH**

Reach the unsaved and un-churched!

**RAISE**

Raise and make disciples, followers of Jesus!

**RELATE**

Connect and care in love with one another!

**REVOLUTIONIZE**

Impact our Community and City for Christ!



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