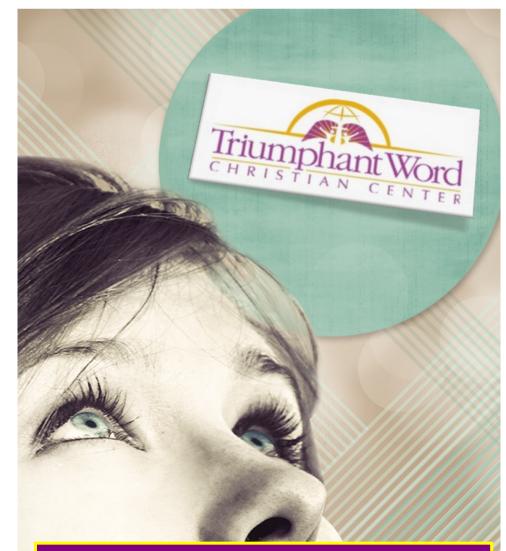


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FOCUSED NOTES:



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Joshua 1:7 - 8 (NLT) - "⁷Be 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.⁸ 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 <u>FOCUS</u> (striving for the single goal [the one thing] until its completion, undeterred by obstacles or the taunts of the crowd; (2) the discipline of <u>FORGETTING</u> refusing to be paralyzed or rendered complacent by the past; and (2) the discipline of <u>FOLLOWING</u> 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 acrostic) 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:
 - 1st Our God-given PURPOSE
 - 2nd The Glorious, Good PLAN of GOD for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11
 - 3rd 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 DESTOY
- "WHENEVER YOU AVOID THE BATTLE YOU WERE _____ FOR, YOU FACE A BATTLE YOU ARE NOT _____ FOR"!
- Where did David go wrong?
 - 1st He **IGNORED** his *place* and *purpose* (11:1)
 - 2nd He **INDULGED** his fleshes *passion* (11:2)
 - 3rd He **INITIATED** the *proposition* (11:3)
 - 4th 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 <u>DECIDE</u>:
 - (1) What matters MOST!
 - (2) What matters NOW!
 - (3) And, what matters to PURPOSE, PRIORITY and PLAN of God to you!