

A FOCUSED LIFE, Part 3

I. WHAT IS FOCUS

- The act of concentrating your interest or activity on something.
- Overcoming procrastination and giving your attention and effort until a task or goal is finished.
- Overcoming distractions and setbacks; moving with sustained energy toward the fulfillment of your purpose.
- It is knowing what to say yes to and what to say no to. Learning to say no to other options unlocks our ability to accomplish those things in our lives that are most important.
- Operating with a clear vision and concentration on the steps and process required for the vision to become a reality.

II. HOW DO WE EXECUTE

- Execute the following steps:
 1. Identify and write down your long-term goals for every area of your life.
 2. Break your long-term goals down into smaller- weekly- target points that will keep you moving forward.
 3. Break down your weekly goals into daily action steps.

III. WHAT DOES LIVING FOCUSED IN 2023 LOOK LIKE?

- Concentration must be on...

- **God and His purpose and plan for your life.**
- **Prioritizing and learning how to eliminate distractions.**
- **Glorifying God with our lives.**

- **Scripture provides insight in terms of the ways in which we are to glorify God:**
 1. **Faith**
 2. **Worship**
 3. **Humble Service**
 - I. **FAITH**
 - **Since our salvation in Christ comes by faith alone, it makes sense that faith has to be the root or foundation from which glory or honor is offered to God.**
 - **We cannot discuss glorifying God without discussing faith.**
 - **There are two New Testament passages that explicitly make the connection between faith and glory:**
 - **2 Corinthians 1:18-20**
 - **Romans 4**

- In 2 Corinthians 1:18-20, Paul emphasizes that there is one message he consistently proclaims:
 - God made many promises to His people! Paul emphatically declares that Christ is the fulfillment of what God promised.
 - Christ is the “yes” to what God promised. Our “Amen” is our act of faith that allows us to embrace God’s promises in Christ. And so, we glorify God by having faith in His promises.
- In Romans Chapter 4, Paul points out how Abraham _____ . He had every reason to think that God’s promise was outrageous.
 - _____
 - Abraham gives God glory through his _____. To give God glory is to believe God _____ and to rely upon His _____.

2.WORSHIP

- _____ is the _____ that scripture associates with glorifying God more than any other. At it’s heart, worship _____ to God alone.
- Worship is the distinct activity in which we _____ and _____ on the Lord. This allows us to _____ and to respond

back to Him in _____ – both in private and in corporate worship.

- There are many Biblical texts about worship where we find _____ to _____ and _____. These practices provide _____ that God _____ in the _____.

3.HUMBLE SERVICE

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- Peter encourages us to use whatever gift we have with _____ to _____, especially to fellow believers.
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- God even gives us room to serve others in how we _____.
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