

Passages to Help Focus Your Goal

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Our lives as Christians consists of much more than memorizing Bible verses, understanding the deity and humanity of Christ, speaking the Truth on marriage, divorce, and remarriage, scriptural uses for the Lord's money, who is liberal and who is conservative, who is sound and who is unsound, etc. There is more to a Christian's life than just issues and understandings.
- B. A Christian's life must consist of day to day application of God's word.
 - 1. Proper understanding of the deity and humanity of Christ will NOT help a person engaging in pornography to go to Heaven.
 - 2. A man and wife may be scripturally married, but they will still go to Hell for lying, cheating, gossiping, slandering, etc.
 - 3. A church may rightfully use the Lord's money, but if that church tolerates covetousness, adultery, fornication, lying, cheating, gossiping, backbiting, or slandering, then that church is unsound in the eyes of the Lord.
- C. As Christians, we must keep our daily lives focused on the goal of everlasting life in Heaven. Trying to keep focus only on Sunday's and Wednesday's will not keep a person on the path to Heaven. We must keep our focus every single day of our lives.
- D. With this lesson, we will look at a large number of Scriptures which will help us to keep our focus on the goal of Heaven. If we will study and apply these verses within our lives, then we will not waver from the goal.

I. PASSAGES TO HELP FOCUS YOUR GOAL.

- A. Love Without Hypocrisy.
 - 1. Romans 12:9-21 - *"Let love be without hypocrisy . . ."*
 - 2. I Corinthians 13:4-8 - *"Love suffers long and is kind; . . ."*
- B. Helping Your Brother in Christ
 - 1. Galatians 6:1-5 - *"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, . . ."*
 - 2. James 5:19-20 - *"Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, . . ."*
- C. Avoid Worldliness
 - 1. II Corinthians 6:14-18 - *"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. . ."*

2. Galatians 5:19-21 - *“Now the works of the flesh are evident . . .”*
3. Colossians 3:5-7 - *“Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth . . .”*

D. Improving Yourself

1. Matthew 5:1-12 - The Beatitudes
2. Galatians 5:22-26 - *“But the fruit of the Spirit is . . .”*
3. Ephesians 4:17-32 - *“. . . you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk . . .”*
4. Ephesians 5:1-14 - *“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children . . .”*
5. Ephesians 6:10-20 - *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord . . .”*
6. Colossians 3:8-17 - *“But now you yourselves are to put off all these: . . .”*
7. Hebrews 11:1-6 - *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, . . .”*
8. James 1:2-8 - *“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, . . .”*
9. James 3:1-12 - *“. . . If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, . . .”*
10. II Peter 1:5-11 - *“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, . . .”*
11. I John 1:5 - 2:2 - *“. . . that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all . . .”*

E. Preparing for Judgment

1. Philippians 3:12-21 - *“. . . but I press on, that I may lay hold . . .”*
2. Colossians 3:1-4 - *“If then you were raised with Christ, . . .”*
3. I Thessalonians 4:13-18 - *“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, . . .”*
4. I Thessalonians 5:1-11 - *“. . . For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes . . .”*
5. Hebrews 10:19-27 - *“. . . having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, . . .”*
6. I John 3:4-12 - *“. . . Whoever abides in Him does not sin . . .”*
7. Revelation 20:11-15 - *“. . . And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, . . .”*

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CONCLUSION.

- A. Are you maintaining focus on your goal of eternal life with God in Heaven? If not, then take these verses home with you and use them in your life. Re-establish Heaven as your goal.
- B. If you are not a Christian, then you are yet to set your focus upon Heaven. Make the decision today to turn to the Lord and obey His commands.

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