

STAY FOCUSED CHURCH AND DO NOT BE DISTRACTED

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- I. Our foundation text is found in Luke chapter 17:26-32 (Please read before proceeding).
- II. Stay focused and don't be distracted. Distractions which draw us away from God or God's Word must be avoided. We know that Satan is the very source of distraction and tries causing the Christian to lose focus.
- III. What then are some common distractions?
 - Television
 - Music
 - Movies
 - Information
 - Education
 - Internet
 - Friends & Enemies
 - Work
 - Conflicts & Arguments

Note: "And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may **attend upon the Lord without distraction.**" 1 Corinthians 7:35.

- IV. How do we stay focused without being distracted?

- **By focusing on Christ.** (Heb 12:1-3).
- **By staying occupied for Christ.** (Heb 10:24-25 & Matt 6:21).
- **By seeking those things which are above** (Col 3:1-3).
- **By redeeming the times** (Gal 5:15-17).
- **By abiding in the Word.** (John 15:5).
- **By staying alert.** (1 Pet 5:8, Gal 5:7).
- **By watching and praying.** (Luke 21:36).
- **By focusing on Jesus' return.** (Mark 13:6-27).

- V. In conclusion, we must ask ourselves, why stay focused and be not distracted? **Because of the Prize or reward! What is it?**

- The ultimate prize or reward for those who successfully finish the race (of life) is spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 25:21 "His lord said unto him, **well done, you good and faithful servant:** thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."