

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

DECEMBER 6, 2018

Living Your Best Life

Teaching Series

“Set Your Affection”

Colossians 3:1-11

Since we have been “*Risen*” with Christ, let us leave behind old ways, habits, values and vices. Let us seek the resurrection power, godly virtues and victory over sin that is from up above. This will require us to run this race on purpose & with _____.

Focus; The center of activity, attraction or attention. A point of _____ focus allows us to have a clear perception or understanding. Always keeping in mind that to maintain “focus” we must allow seasons or times of _____.

We must watch ourselves and others as we navigate our lives by the Holy Ghost through potential peril and pitfalls.

Luke 21:34 New International Version (NIV)

³⁴ “*Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap.*”

Colossians 2:8 King James Version (KJV)

⁸ *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

I. Run on Purpose...

I Corinthians 9:19-27

The Apostle Paul appears to have his priorities in order. He focus/affection is “...for the gospel’s sake...” v23 and to run that he may obtain an incorruptible crown. That in the end he would not be a castaway v27.

“*If you don’t know where you are going any road will get you there.*” Lewis Carroll

Seneca, one of the greatest thinkers of the Roman Empire reportedly observed, “*If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favorable.*”

The bottom line is that if you are not focused and with a goal in mind. You are simply “beating the air.”

II. The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...

Matthew 13:45-46

⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

⁴⁶ Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

We have to be willing to pay the price and since we are the “purchased possession” (Eph. 1:14) we should live as if we have been purchased at a Great Cost.

Not only must we be willing to focus, we must be willing to _____. Success and failure come at a price.

“No one can focus on anything if at the same time they don’t have the courage to sacrifice something else.” William Douglas & Rubens Teixeira

John 12:23-26

III. Think on These Things...

Philippians 4:8

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Occupy our minds with the right thoughts that will breed right activities.