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One of Paul's great qualities was his single-minded devotion to Christ.

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Acts 9:15 – 16

But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

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## How did Paul articulate it?

Philippians 3:7-8

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ...



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“One of the reasons it was relatively easy for me to leave a financially lucrative career in business to become an associate pastor was because I had settled years before that my life would be about Christ and His Kingdom and not me and my kingdom.”

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## **2 Timothy 2:5**

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## **Joshua 1:7**

**Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.**



# **Focus on God and obeying his commands**

## **Joshua 1:8**

**Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.**

# **Focus on God and obeying his commands**

**2 Timothy 4:14, 16 – 17**

**But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it...**

**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**



## **Focus on God and obeying his commands**

- God has set us all up to win. All that's needed is that we devote ourselves to living by his glorious and faultless word.
- Our way of life and our testimony must line up with the word of God. This leads to God's full reward, his victor's crown. But to confess Christ yet live a godless life is to disqualify ourselves from competition.

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**Luke 18:28 – 30**

Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

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**Matthew 25:20 – 21**

The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

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**Matthew 25:21**

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*“We want to hear God say well done, so we need to do something well.”*



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