



On Mission: Recognizing Distractions and Staying Focused on the Call of God On Our Lives
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1 Chronicles 16:24 (NLT)

“Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.”

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Do you have a word from God to expound on, or cling to and concentrate on for this year?
- 2) Why do you think that God has given you that particular word? (At the end of the year you can look back and compare your answers.)
- 3) What areas or things in your life could you give up or change to help you fulfill this “calling word” for this year?

Extended Devotion:

My word for this year is focus. I am guilty of having so many things rolling around in my mind that I can't finish any of the tasks at hand. Even during a prayer my mind can wander. I find myself getting too absorbed in my surroundings. Oh, the distractions! They take my mind or focus off of Jesus and his plans for my life. I know this is a trick of the enemy because the Bible tells us in Ephesians 6:11 (ESV) to "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." When we get into God's word, we are putting on this armor and can overcome the enemy of our souls.

The past couple of weeks as the Holy Spirit has been reminding me to focus, He reminds me of Romans 12:2 (NLT) "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

It is so easy to be conformed to this world—it is all around us. But God would not tell us to do something if it were not possible. Applying this Scripture to our lives will be challenging, but not impossible.

I definitely could be more faithful in this area. What about you? We are all guilty of too much time on our phones, televisions or even the radio. But if we make changes in one area at a time, we make progress and that is something. For example, when I get into my vehicle, I try to leave the radio off and talk to Jesus, spending more time with Him alone. It is amazing when we turn off the noise around us how we can be still in our souls and more in tune with the Spirit. Focused.

I have been guilty of not knowing the calling God has on my life and not being focused in that calling. Where is your passion? That thing inside of you that gets you up in the morning? There you will find your word and your calling from God as you are still in His presence. Turn the noise down and listen. God is speaking. Do you hear Him?

Psalm 46:10(a): "Be still, and know that I am God!"

Takeaway:

When we are still in God's presence, God will give clarity to the mission He has called us on.