



Sermon #2 – Vintage Values: Gaining Perspective on Principle and Priorities

Hebrews 12:1-2

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Discuss Sermon

“There is a choice you have to make in everything you do. So keep in mind that in the end, the choice you make, makes you.” – *John Wooden*

Many people go through times in life when they lose focus on what is most important. It is at times like this that you need to be reminded of the importance of Vintage Values: Gaining Perspective on Principles and Priorities. The Lord reminds us that each of us are running a race of faithfulness in this life and we must be prepared to overcome the obstacles that the enemy brings our way as well as maintain the right focus upon the author and perfecter of our faith.

- How does reclaiming “Vintage Values” help you gain the right perspective when it comes to principles and priorities?
- How can you equip yourself and your fellow Christians to “run with endurance” when it comes to faithfully pursuing the Lord in life?

The Greek word for **Endurance** describes a steady determination to keep going. It carries the idea of “continuing the course” even when everything in you wants to slow down or give up.

Exchange Views

You will never change your life until you change something you do daily.
– *John Maxwell*

During life you will have setbacks and obstacles which the Lord will always strengthen you to overcome as long as you remain faithful to Him. You must always remember that the Christian life is more like a marathon than a sprint. God has called us to maintain a faithful walk with Him every day not just once in awhile.

- What are some changes that you can make in your walk with the Lord that will help you maintain a better focus upon Him this week?
- What does it mean to “look to Jesus” as the author and perfecter of your faith?

Examine Text – Hebrews 12:1-2

Read the main text from the sermon and reflect on the key words, phrases, and lessons that God is teaching us.

- What are the key lessons that you learn from this text?
- What are expectations and blessings of living as a Christian as found in these verses?

Personalize Truth

Time is limited and many things will compete for your time in this life. You must always remember this simple truth, “*There’s never enough time to do everything, but there’s always enough time to do the most important thing.*” The most important thing that you can do as Christian is set your focus upon the pursuit of the Lord as the top priority each day. If you don’t know where to start then begin with trying this “**Four Step Strategy**” that will help you Gain the Right Perspective on Principles and Priorities:

- **Step #1** – Consciously set the goal of spending time with the Lord each day.
- **Step #2** – Choose one person that will help hold you accountable to spending time with the Lord.
- **Step #3** – Consciously open your heart, mind, and eyes to see the items that are distracting you from spending time with the Lord each day.
- **Step #4** – Memorize one verse each week that will encourage you to stay the course in your walk with the Lord for that week.

These are not new ideas but it is important to be reminded of getting back to the basics especially during times of distractions and pitfalls in life. The Lord will reward your faithful pursuit of Him but you must be sure to stay the course!

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