

V. OVERCOME FATAL ATTRACTIONS

“But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.” I Corinthians 9:27

A focused life practices spiritual disciplines for living pure.

“Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.” II Timothy 2:21

“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16

FIGHT FOR YOUR FOCUS

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INTRODUCTION

A. Let’s face it, life is like a fight. And we often feel like we are losing. But God wants us to know that the ultimate victory has already been won by Jesus! Now He wants to help us win and to finish our lives like the Apostle Paul who said,

“I have fought the good fight,…” II Timothy 4:7a

Yes, this life we are called to live is sometimes a fight. But we don’t have to lose, we can win through Jesus!

B. Let’s be honest and admit that not all our battles are of equal significance. But there are some that literally make or break the potential of our lives. Join us for THE FIGHT Teaching Series! Discover how we can win the battles that matter the most by applying six “fight” Bible passages.

Mar 31	Jesus Fought For Us And Won!
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TODAY	Fight For Your Focus
Apr 28	Fight For Your Freedom
May 5	Fight For Your Faithfulness

TEXT: I Corinthians 9:24-27

The number one enemy of focus is wastefulness.

“And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.” Luke 15:13

Only one life so soon it will pass and only what is done for Christ will last.

HOW TO FIGHT FOR YOUR FOCUS

I. LET GO OF YOUR PAST

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.” I Corinthians 9:24

A focused life doesn't dwell on the past, but looks to the future.

“13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philipians 3:13-14

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9

II. RUN TO WIN THE PRIZE

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A focused life anticipates and prepares for the Judgement Seat Of Christ.

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” II Corinthians 5:10

“His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’” Matthew 25:23

III. GO ALL IN

“And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.” I Corinthians 9:25

A focused life requires dedication and self control in all areas.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” Romans 12:1

“The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.” Proverbs 13:4

IV. AIM TO DO GOD'S WILL

“Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.” I Corinthians 9:26

A focused life accomplishes clearly defined God given goals.

“15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” Ephesians 5:15-17

“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” Proverbs 29:18