

Message

**Christian Life
of Striving**

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■ Proverbs 16:25

– There is a way, which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

New American Standard

– There is a way which seems right to a man and appears straight before him, but its end is the way of death.

Amplified Bible

**FALL SEVEN TIMES,
STAND UP EIGHT.**

JAPANESE PROVERB

**It's not that I'm so smart,
it's just that I stay with
problems longer.**



- Albert Einstein



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■ Proverbs 29:18

- Where there is no vision,
the people are unrestrained,
But happy is he who keeps the law.

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- When people do not accept divine
guidance, they run wild. But whoever
obeys the law is joyful.

New Living Translation

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- **Hebrews 11:9-10, 24-27**
 - Examples of motivating visions with faiths; Abraham and Moses.
- **I Corinthians 9:24-27**
 - Motivation to submit to God's Will.



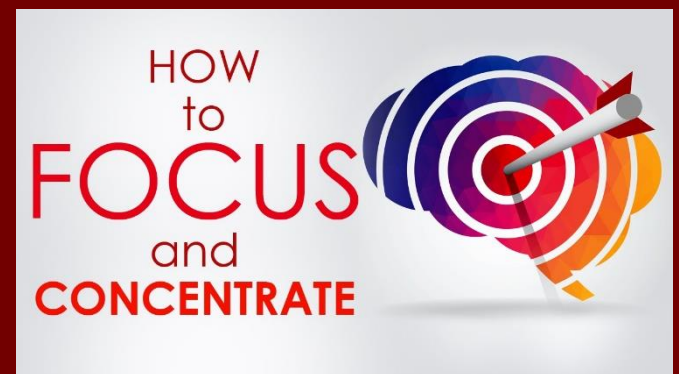
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■ Matthew 6:33

- “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

■ James 1:6-8

- Single-mindedness / Focus / Concentration



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■ Hebrews 12:1

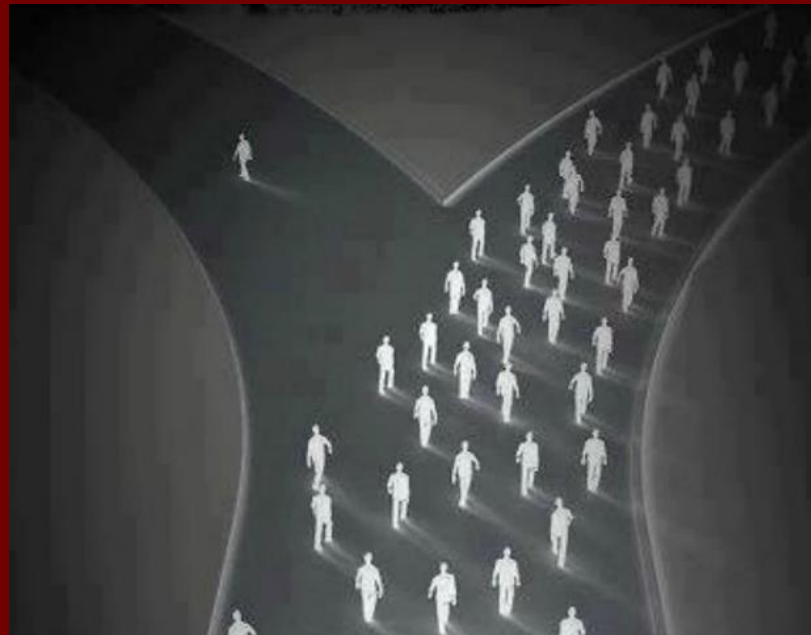
- “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”



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■ Matthew 7:13-14

- Make sure you are running the correct way leading to Life.



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“There are few things more lacking in the average Christian life of today than resolute, conscious concentration upon an aim which is clearly and always before us.”



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■ **Philippians 3:12-14**

- **After having received God's grace, our responsibility is to strive for perfection in moral, ethical and spiritual areas of our lives.**





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