



Morning Glory!

Oh God, thou art my God;
Early will I seek thee:
My soul thirsteth for thee



Psalm 63:1

The Marks of Christ-Centered Achievement: Keeping Your Eyes on the Prize

#2 *FOCUS!*

**“...but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind,
and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”**
Philippians 4:13-14

You are one of those who now understand that discipline can be the key to your success. You're ready to be consistent in your endeavor to reach the destined and purposed end God has established for you. You now function in an orderly fashion; continually doing what you know must be done. The next mark you must press to conquer is **FOCUS!**

To be disciplined is to be consistent in function.

However, to be focused is to remain directed in an ordained path.

Jezebel was disciplined in her efforts to destroy the prophet Elijah, but her focus was bad.

The Devil is disciplined in his efforts to kill, steal, and destroy.

He has good discipline but bad focus.

*Paul himself, before he met Christ, was very disciplined and consistent
in his opposition to Christ. Good discipline, bad focus.*

Thus, discipline is not the ultimate mark alone.

*You must have focus also, so that you can ensure
you are disciplined in God's ordained path.*

For the Apostle Paul, the challenge was to remain focused on the now, looking toward the future, rather than consistently looking at his past. He was guilty of literally killing those whom he now claimed to love. In order to get to his prize, in order to fulfill his high call, he had to forget about some of the details of his past, which had no power over his present or his future. Are you stuck in the pain of your past? Are you holding on to mistakes and missteps of years gone by? Get up and get on with your life, so that God can get on with blessing you!

Pray this:

**Lord of glory, keep me focused, mindful only of my blessed present,
and my bountiful future in You!**

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