

## THE WORD FOR LIFE – SERMON NOTES

### THE SIMPLE LIFE #1 Finding Focus In A Blurry World By Louie Marsh, 10-3-2010

#### 1) As a Disciple of Jesus I need to find \_\_\_\_\_

*Without prophetic vision people run wild, but blessed are those who follow {God's} teachings. Proverbs 29:18 (GW)*

#### 2) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ what I need to be focused on.

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)*

#### 3) To get focused I must....

- Look \_\_\_\_\_

*No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I **focus** on this **one thing**: Forgetting the past ... Philipians 3:13a (NLT)*

- Look \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to learn just **one thing** from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Galatians 3:2 (NIV)*

- Look \_\_\_\_\_

***One thing I ask of the LORD**, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4 (NIV)*

*As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "**you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is***

***needed**. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)*

- Look \_\_\_\_\_

*Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV)*

- **Greatest source of trouble** – \_\_\_\_\_

*What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. James 4:1-3 (NIV)*

- Look \_\_\_\_\_

*He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. **One thing I do know**. I was blind but now I see!" John 9:25 (NIV)*

*But **do not forget this one thing**, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 2 Peter 3:8 (NIV)*

- Look \_\_\_\_\_

*and **looking forward to what lies ahead**, I **press on** toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. **All of us who are mature should take such a view of things**. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Philipians 3:13b-15 (NLT/NIV)*

**QUESTION: How many things can you juggle & still stay focused on Jesus?**