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“Keeping Your Focus”



focus

**Philippians 3:13-
14**

New Year's Revolution –pt 2

Philippians 3:13-14 (AMP)

¹³ I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own [yet]; but one thing I do [it is my one aspiration]: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal [the prize of the heavenly life] for which Jesus is calling me.

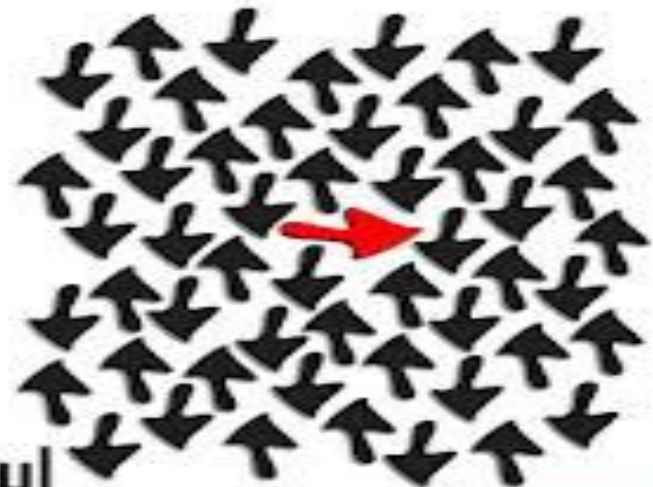
F - Follow

O - one

C - course

U - until

S - successful



The New Year Offers...



- **Fresh Opportunity**
- **Fresh Hope**
- **Fresh Start...**

...Again!

New Year Facts

#1-God Desires Us to Engage in the Battle and

...Give It Our All

(Time, Talent, Resources)

#2-Satan Desires Us to Disengage or At

...Least Give It Very Little (lack of interest)

#3-One Thing that Will Keep Us or
Break Us

...is Our Focus.

New Year Focus



US

Our Focus Should be on God...

- **His Word** - *Quick/ Powerful -not come back void*
- **His Ability** - *is anything too hard?*
- **His Mission** - *Seek and Save*

Distraction

Any Type of...

- **Activity**
- **Action**
- **Attitude**

That Consumes...

- **You**
- **Time**
- **Interest**

***...To the Point God
Becomes a Blur***



Our Focus has Unlimited Value

Satan Doesn't Want us to Realize the...

✓ Potential

✓ Power

✓ Position

...of an Undivided Focus

10 Things to Focus On as We Enter 2015

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#1- He Called You- Not to Get to This Place so He Can Drop You! (Our Position)

#2- He Will Build His Church! (Our Power)

#3- He Did Not Promise to Deliver you From the Fire, but to Walk with You...

...Through It! (Our Protection-His Presence)

#4- There is More in Store for Your Life/ Ministry! (Our Potential)

#5- When We Obey the Voice of God We Are Unstoppable (Our Persevering)

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**#6 –Have Courage, Be Strong, Don't
Back Down or Give In
to Satan and His Plan!**

(Stand)

1 Corinthians 16:13 (KJV)

¹³ Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

- **Watch ye–** *be on guard– Satan desires to attack*
- **Stand Fast in the Faith–** *persevere, do not deviate in trust*

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**#7 –God Didn't Call You Because of
Your Greatness but**

**His...He's Still Great Even at
Times You May Feel
Like You are Not!**

(Understand)

2 Corinthians 4...

(1) (KJV)*Therefore seeing we have this ministry,
as we have received mercy, we faint not;*

(7) (KJV)*But we have this treasure in earthen
vessels, that the excellency of the power may*

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#8 –This Problem Will Not Destroy You! (Withstand)

2 Corinthians 4:8–9 (AMP)

⁸ We are hedged in (pressed) on every side [troubled and oppressed in every way], but not cramped or crushed; we suffer embarrassments and are perplexed and unable to find a way out, but not driven to despair;

⁹ We are pursued (persecuted and hard driven), but not deserted [to stand alone]; we are struck down to the ground, but never struck out and destroyed;

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**#9 –Stop Comparing Yourself to
Others...the Same God Who Called and
Empowered Them Did the Same for You!
– (Stand Up)**

Psalm 139:14 (NLT)

¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

Galatians 2:8 (AMP)

⁸ For He Who motivated *and* fitted Peter *and* worked effectively through him for the mission to

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**#10 –Stop Praying for
Protection(*defense*)...**

...Pray For Boldness(*offense*)!!!

(Stand Strong)

Acts 4:29–31 (AMP)

²⁹ And now, Lord, observe their threats and grant to Your bond servants [full freedom] to declare Your message fearlessly,

³⁰ While You stretch out Your hand to cure and to perform signs *and* wonders through the authority *and* by the power of the name of Your holy Child *and* Servant Jesus.

