

## Staying Focused

*“God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth...Everything was created through him and for him.”*  
Colossians 1:16 (NLT)

*How do we keep our focus on God?*

**1. Do not be distracted.**

But Jesus told him, “Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God.” Luke 9:62 (TLB)

**2. Do not be deceived.**

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:10 (ESV)

**3. Do not give up on God.**

As my life was slipping away, I remembered the Lord.  
And my earnest prayer went out to you in your holy Temple. Jonah 2:7 (NLT)

**4. Remember your purpose.**

For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News.  
Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. 1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NLT)