

Chapter 1

The Power of Focus

Focus can be described as concentration at its best. The one who masters focus can enhance his destiny. A person with the ability to concentrate can accomplish anything. The Bible tells us that, *“The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.” Matthew 6:22*

Focus is powerful. Singleness of vision releases tremendous power. If you are a person with a million things on the go and no particular passion for any one of them, I can predict your progress and success in five minutes. To be scattered is to dilute your power.

In the past, I have made the mistake of doing too much, too soon, and it cost me

dearly. Please understand this guy called Everton Weekes – I am not a normal person. I am a visionary, a go-getter, someone who likes to be in control, and who believes the world is often too slow. I become disturbed at the thought of sitting around for too long doing nothing. I despise laziness, and have little mercy for mediocrity when I see it. Thankfully, God has given me a good wife who keeps me balanced.

When you locate that one thing God has called you to do, go ahead and do it with all your heart. You can be sure your desired results will come. Remember, your life goes in the direction of your focus. Where focus goes, energy flows – whether that energy is negative or positive. I once heard a great man of God say that the only way satan can defeat you is by succeeding in breaking your focus. How true!

Webster defines *focus* as directing your attention or effort at something specific. If your internal focus is sharp and precise, the

implementation of your vision will surely move forward. Focus is to vision, what a compass is to a ship. A ship without a compass will travel aimlessly and never arrive at any precise destination. Proper focus will give direction and momentum to your dream.

Our opening Scripture says that if your eye is single, your whole body will be full of light. A single eye speaks of focus, and focus attracts blessings. These may come in the form of opportunities and open doors.

I have been in the ministry now for over fifteen years, and this principle of focus attracting opportunities, has born much fruit in my life. We have traveled to many nations, and counseled world leaders. We have seen over fifty thousand people attend our conferences and miracle crusades.

We have also held panel discussions with top medical doctors concerning how the sick can be healed. Hundreds of thousands have

been healed, saved and brought into a life of victory in Christ. I give all the glory to God for this, because I can never forget where God brought me from. I was a little boy with a stammering tongue, who was not supposed to amount to anything good in life. My life is proof that with God anything is possible, and what He has done for me, He can do for you!

Give Yourself a Chance

Some people never give God a chance to establish their goings. They quit on their dreams because the process is too slow. We are living in a get rich quick generation: “Give it to me now – I have to go!” This mentality has become the downfall of many. Do not let this be your story! Every good and successful enterprise will take time to bear fruit.

A good friend of mine recently shared something with me that illustrates this. One of his leaders was caught in a very immoral act. He told me he met with the man and agreed to help restore him. My friend devised a plan of restoration, in which he would help this man

be restored in seven months. However, in that period of time he would not be allowed to minister publicly. Sadly, the man refused to participate in the restoration plan because he was too proud to endure a seven month process. Four years have now gone by since this happened, and the man has still not been restored. He has lost credibility in the city and now his life is in a worse state than when he started. How sad!

My friend, in the little experience that my life has given me, I have learned one thing. Those who fight against the process for success take longer to fulfill their dreams, if they still have dreams. But happy are those who stay the course, having the law of focus working for them.

I remember in the early days when my wife and I had to pass this test. Our pastor asked us to start a Bible study in a certain area of town, and for months, often only two or three people would show up. I still remember this very well because one of the men would come drunk, and the other had mild schizophrenia. This was my welcome to

ministry. There were many months when we would drive forty-five minutes to meetings – just to minister to a handful of people. I remember sitting in a home in Boston, teaching Bible study to the few faithful who came, only to be interrupted by the sound of gun shots. This was our welcome to Massachusetts. Today, as I look back on our early beginnings, I thank God for His wisdom in teaching me this great law of focus.

When focus is combined with a Godly desire, divine energy is released. I want to share with you the story of a man of God in the Bible who was broke and defeated for almost fifteen years. Jacob worked faithfully without receiving adequate wages. One day, in the middle of his pain, he decided to do something about his situation. This story always troubles me because Jacob was a man who loved God. Yet, with all that love, God did not even try and help him one time.

This is shocking! We can learn from this story that until you change your focus, not even God can help you. Let us read about

Jacob in *Genesis 30:26-30*:

“Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee. And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favor in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake. And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it. And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle were with me. For it was little which thou had before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?”

I like this very much. Jacob says, “I have worked for you, but there is no proof of my personal success.” Jacob was not a lazy man, but his focus was in the wrong place. He was making his boss rich, at his expense. This went on for almost fifteen years. Finally, he became tired of living below his covenant right, and he decided to change his focus. The

moment he did this, God brought him into unlimited wealth.

***“Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.”
Genesis 30:43 (NKJV)***

Until you focus on your gift, you will live life like a dog, always depending on your master for food. I know this is a strong statement, but it's the truth! Stop drifting, because the blessing only comes when you are focused. There are many drifters in the world. Today, it is time for you to stand out by doing something that will shake you out of your comfort zone. God is calling you to stay focused on your gift and keep doing the thing He has assigned you to do.

I have seen a lot of craziness! For example, in the early days of my ministry, I was called to help a certain church. The pastors there were conference junkies. Every few months they would attend another conference, and when they returned, they would change the direction of their church. One day, they invited us to

come do a conference on the supernatural. But the effect of what they learned from us was short-lived, for they soon went on to something they considered newer and better. How sad! They could never focus on the one thing God told them to do, and I don't think that church ever did get established.

You see, the things of God require time to take root. You have to be patient enough to let it happen. The Bible says the Kingdom of God is like a seed. We can also say it this way: The ways of God are like seeds. They must be planted before the desired harvest can come. What would you think of a farmer who dug up his planted seed before it could grow and mature, and then became angry with God because he did not see any harvest?

Many have destroyed their ministry and business because they have violated this law of focus. Pastor Tracy and I have made up our minds to stay true to the mandate God gave us *to Raise up a generation of believers who will walk daily in the power of God*. We are called to plant breakthrough churches, have schools

of the supernatural and *Born to Win* conferences, and hold mass crusades where millions will be saved and disciplined. This is what we do, because it is our mandate!

The great man of God, T. L Osborn, was still doing mass crusades a month before he went to Heaven. He ministered in this way for seventy years, faithfully preaching the gospel and healing the sick. He stuck with his assignment through to the very end of his time on earth.

Evangelist Billy Graham has remained focused on the message of salvation God gave him from the very beginning of his ministry. When the charismatic and healing wave came, he just continued preaching salvation. Around the time Oral Roberts built his university, someone gave Billy Graham a large parcel of land so that he could build a university as well.

He had money, teachers, and crowds. But when he talked to God about it, the Lord said, "This is not part of your assignment," so Billy Graham dropped the idea. What a joy it is

today, to see him listed among the top six people who have changed the twentieth century! So many people are enjoying Heaven now because he stayed the course. What a man! May God help us all to do the same and remain faithful to, and focused on, our callings.