

# Clarity

*"And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." Habukkuk 2:2 (KJV)*

**D**istractions. Distractions. Distractions. We live in such a busy super-charged world that if we're not careful we will find ourselves involved in too many time consuming activities, neglecting those things that will produce fruit in our lives. It seems to me that, at the very moment I sit down to read my Bible, a huge list of things to do begins tabulating in my mind. Talk about a battle. After all, my life depends on me getting into God's word and seeking His face. Without fail, all types of interruptions present themselves. For example, the need to put a load of clothes in the wash, or pluck my eyebrows, or call Sister Plunkett to remind her of our Tuesday night meeting, or flip through a magazine or catalog.

I think we would all agree that focusing does not come without its challenges. Even so, focus is an essential ingredient in running the race and achieving the goals God sets before us... a race we can win. God desires to spend time with us, and with His help we can overcome the distractions that attempt to rob us of sweet communion with Him.

During those times when I am increasingly apt to stray, I have to ask for God's grace. I mean stop in the middle of what I'm doing, lift my hands towards heaven, and tell God straight up, "I've got sixteen other things going on in my head right now but all I want to think about is You – Help!" What has gotten your attention lately? Is it a kingdom investment? Or an earthly investment?

As single women, I understand that people think we have all the time in the world to take care of things that others neglect. For some reason people tend to believe that, just because you're single, you should make yourself more available in order to keep busy and out of trouble. However, we must continually ask God for His direction in our lives, otherwise we're just doing purposeless busy work. When God gives us a task we need to stick with it. Anything outside of that will have to come under the scrutiny of the Holy Spirit.

There was a time in my life when all I could concentrate on was what I wanted. For the longest time I would hear the Holy Spirit speak to my heart urging me to "focus on things which are eternal, not on things that are temporal". I heard this spoken to me over and over again until one day I finally got it. My mind was so occupied with what I wanted that I wasn't all that concerned with what God wanted for me. I wanted a new job. I wanted a new home. I wanted a better car. I wanted to lose 25lbs. I was obsessed with what I wanted and I was miserable. Some of us are confused about our place in life because we have not invested time in studying God's word – our road map to living.

Be careful, the enemy of our soul "comes to steal and kill, and destroy" John 10:10 (KJV). What better way for the enemy to accomplish his task than to get our attention centered on things that have no eternal benefit. My pastor tells us frequently not to 'major on the minor.' Keep your eyes always on Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. Whatever God tells you to do, do it. Be found in your place. What does that mean? It means be found doing what God asks of you no matter what sacrifices have to be made or what hardships

must be endured. Know this: once you make up your mind to be found in your place, opportunities and temptations will arise that never have before. Nevertheless, God is faithful and "...he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6 (KJV) *Glisten*.

### Grab It!

1. Meditate on I Corinthians 5: 14. In this scripture Paul talked about being compelled by the love of God to no longer live for himself. What personal quest has kept you living for yourself?
2. What areas in you life are being neglected because of outside distractions?
3. When you are faced with unexpected situations, are you able to remain focused on your God given task?

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