
Life Management

Defining Success Beyond the Marketplace

Session Five

ELEMENT

Focus

ESSENCE

By narrowing your scope of target and objective, you will succeed in achieving deep and lasting impact instead of wide-spread mediocrity.

EXAMPLE

Many men and women fail to leave a legacy of effective influence because of their inability to concentrate their energies and talents into any specific area. The greatest figures of history share the trait of strategic focus; having defined their mission, they give themselves fully to the enterprise. Consider how this was true in the life of Jesus Christ:

1. He exhibited focus in His limited loyalties.
Luke 2:49
2. He exhibited focus in His specific audience.
Matthew 15:21-28
Luke 5:30-32

3. He exhibited focus in His concise message.
Mark 1:15
4. He exhibited focus in His finite time frame.
Luke 3:23
Matthew 16:21
John 17:1
5. He exhibited focus in His protective detachment.
John 6:15
6. He exhibited focus in His personal responsibility.
John 6:37-38

EMPLOYMENT

You may be thinking about your own life and your tendency to broaden, rather than narrow, your focus. As you think through the aspects raised in the six points of this session, take a minute to jot down your own focus in each area on the back of this outline. Are you satisfied with what you observe in each area? Is your effectiveness heightened, or minimized by your current status? What would you need to do to narrow your focus in the out-of-focus areas?

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