



FATAL DISTRACTIONS: STAYING FOCUSED IN A FUZZY WORLD

Hebrews 12:1, 2; Proverbs 4:20-27

We welcome you to Concord on a very good day as we begin a brand new series of studies we are calling "Fatal Distractions". Our emphasis will be on focusing on Christ and staying out of the ditches along the way. I hope you can be with us throughout the fall as we look at some practical steps to keeping our eyes on Jesus.

The author of Hebrews encouraged his readers to "look unto Jesus, the _____ and _____ of our faith".

We are to be singly _____ with the Lord. Often we find ourselves seductively _____ by the world. Staying focused in the game of life is not an easy thing.

The Word of God tells us that we face three primary enemies: _____, _____, and _____ (Ephesians 2:2). These enemies use three primary strategies: "the lust of the _____, the lust of the _____, and the _____ of life" (1 John 2:16). Any or all of these can distract, and in many cases destroy a believer's witness.

A simple look at scripture reminds us that few make it through this world unscathed from distractions. The enemy delights in keeping us from effectively serving the Lord. We must keep our eyes on Jesus. We cannot win this fight on our own. Jesus left us with a great promise – "I have overcome the world."

We have many guests with us today and we are very thankful. The Lincoln Blue Tiger Football team is joining us for the 10:45 service. We appreciate their presence today and are glad to host them for lunch. We have other guests that we will welcome as well. Thank you for joining us today.

May God bless you!

Your Servant in Christ,
Bro. Monte