

ATTENTION DEFICIT?

World's Greatest Wisdom, Part 6

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Review

The Principle of the Path: Direction (not intention) determines destination.

To choose the right path, information is not enough, we need God's direction, but "Submission Precedes Direction.

If we acknowledge (submit to) God, in all our ways, he will make our paths clear, and show us the right path.

Lesson:

Whatever gets our attention will influence and change the direction of our life.

Some things grab or capture our attention.

- Grabbing or capturing our attention involves emotion.

Other things we choose to pay attention to or give attention to.

- Paying or giving attention involves intentionality or choice.

Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet...

Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Proverbs 4:25-27

Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight...

Turn my eyes away from worthless things.

Psalm 119:35, 37

Keep me from paying attention to what is worthless;

Verse 37 (GN)

If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors.

He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land that he swore to your ancestors to give you.

You will be blessed more than any other people.

Deuteronomy 7:12-14

The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness.

Matthew 6:22-23

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

Hebrews 2:1

Attention influences direction \Rightarrow direction determines destination.

- This principle is easy to see in the lives of other people. but almost impossible to see in yourself.
- When evaluating what you give attention to, you always respond to where you are now, but others tend to respond to where they're afraid you're headed.

Question #1:

What has captured my attention?

Question #2:

What do I need to be giving more attention to?