

Keep Your Eyes Upon Jesus

From the Pews to the Streets Ministry

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Imagine God giving you a farm tractor with a plow. He says to you to visualize My Son, Jesus standing at the end of a very long field. Your assignment is to keep your eyes on Jesus, not looking to the left or to the right to compare yourself to what your neighbors are doing, while you are plowing.

Now the plow represents your earthly needs, but you're not focused on the plow. Your focus is on Jesus at the end of the field. Jesus is speaking loud enough for you to hear. He's saying, "Serve Me and serve the people I set in your path. Help them to find Me spiritually. Love Me and share this love I give you with others. Now and then, there are going to be rocks, but don't worry the Holy Spirit will guide you through the rocks. Just keep looking at Me at the end of the field. The plow, or your needs, will automatically be met if you keep your eyes on Me. I will open opportunities for you to have a good job, home and family. Just focus on Me at the end of the field and the plow will naturally go in a straight line. If you look off to the right or left, it will take more time and the plowing will be crooked and possibly have to be redone. I want to steer (guide) you straight and keep you running smooth. I will provide for your losing your focus through My mercy and grace but it's much easier on you to stay focused on Me."

Jesus is sharing His ministry with us today. Jesus' ministry was elbow to elbow out in the streets helping people get correct thinking about how God does things and about their eternal destiny of Heaven. If Jesus had looked to the left, the religious people would have side tracked him. If He had looked to the right, the natural needs and desires of the people would have distracted Him. If He had looked either way, He wouldn't have been able to bring these people to a higher level of thinking. He kept His focus on what His Father wanted, so His ministry was sown in a straight line to Heaven. Jesus was helping people along the way to go from the natural to the supernatural in their thinking in order to prepare them for eternity with God. Jesus is our example of plowing in a straight line without wasted time swerving left or right. Use Jesus' example to build God's Kingdom here on earth today. Jesus is our example of plowing in a straight line without wasted time swerving left or right. Use Jesus' example to build God's Kingdom here on earth today.

We need to lay up treasures in heaven. "If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw his work will be shown for what it is, because the day will bring it to light." 1 Cor. 3:12 Gold would be God using us to help other Christians to receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. They are then empowered to go out into the world to help other believers to be empowered to bring salvation to the lost. After they receive power from on high, give them a printed copy of a salvation prayer to memorize so that they can lead people to our Lord Jesus Christ with that prayer. Silver would represent God using us to introduce the lost to Jesus Christ. Once the person has done that, it is permission for God to start working in his or her life. Costly stones represent the church body that is building God's kingdom here now on earth until he returns. Wood, hay, and stubble would represent things that are done outside of God's Word; in other words not operating under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. These things will be burned up.

Our challenge, as Christians, is to seek the most precious treasures. We should want to be part of bringing in the "Great Harvest". The message is as simple as telling people to apologize to the God of the Bible for breaking His Ten Commandments and asking Him to be their Lord. Watch what our Lord does when Christians take this message to the lost and hurting world.