

CONCENTRATION

I. Definition Of The Concept

- In order to achieve success we must concentrate our resources on achieving our objective

A. Key ideas associated with this principle

1. No one has unlimited resources
 - a. We are limited in time
 - b. We are limited in gifts
2. Not all achievements are of equal value
3. It is necessary to focus on the issues that will make the greatest difference
4. We need to work alongside others to achieve the meaningful goals

II. Concentration in The Life of The Lord

- A. Jesus focused His teaching on the Jewish people

- B. Jesus concentrated His time on 12 men

- C. Jesus moved steadily towards the cross where the decisive victory over Satan would be accomplished

III. Illustrations From Scripture

- A. Nehemiah
 - 1. Sword and trowel but concentrate on building

 - 2. Passed by opportunities to talk with locals so he could concentrate on building

B. Jesus to His disciples

1. Only 12 but sent out two by two

C. Paul to Timothy

1. No Soldier in active service entangles himself

2. Avoid foolish and ignorant speculations

IV. Application

- A. A great deal of the attack of the enemy against the church is simply to cause us to dissipate our energy in meaningless activity

