

Prayer Requests

- ♦ Mary McVivar Erik's friend kidney disease
- ♦ Joey Godin unknown health issue.
- ♦ Steve Shaw health issues.
- ♦ Russell Solak Health Issues
- ♦ Brenda Butler prayers for father's health
- ♦ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ♦ Lisa Sampson unknown health issues.
- ♦ Victor & Rita Balsamo - Health issues.
- ♦ Marescot Family - Fix eyes on Jesus.
- ♦ Glory Parker - Family Health/travel.

New Prayer Requests

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Order of Worship

Song 63 *I Will Call Upon The Lord*
Announcements - Shepherd
Opening Prayer - Joe Romano
Song 490 *It Is Well With My Soul*
Song 342 *We Saw Thee Not*

Lord's Supper - John Carter, Antonio Balsamo, Clifford Parker

Song 474 *Thank You Lord*
Contribution

Song 800 *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*
Prayer - Angel Velez
Song 470 *Victory In Jesus*
Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano
2 Peter 1:3-8

Lesson - Dennis Godin
Are You Distracted?
Lesson Text: *1 Corinthians 9:24-27*

Song 148 *I Keep Falling In Love With Him*
Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo
Greeter - Jessica Damuth
Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

Last Week's Numbers
Attendance: 46 Contribution: 1230

Preach the Gospel
at all times;
When Necessary
Use Words

THE BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST WELCOMES YOU!

Jesus Christ is...
the brightness of
His glory.

Heb. 1:3



The law
is only a
shadow of
the good
things that
are coming...



...not the realities themselves.
Hebrews 10:1

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Welcome Visitors

We here at the Biddeford Church of Christ pray your visit with us today is enjoyable and uplifting. Please stay around after services so that we can get to know you better. We all strive to put Christ first in our lives and make the Bible our principle guide for living.

This Week's Events

Today 10/15 Life Groups
Tuesday 10/17 Bible Study
Sunday 10/22 Scripture Reading Sunday

Financial University will be starting in January more information will be coming soon

Birthdays

10/18 Luke Lawrance
10/26 Jacob Romano
10/28 Glory Parker

Anniversary

10/18 Dennis & Debbie Godin

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - James Butler
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw
Lord's Supper John Marescot, TJ Balsamo, Erik Cote
Prayer - John Carter
Scripture Reading Sunday
Greeter - Brenda Butler
Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

Are You Distracted?

That question is a sobering one to ask, as I begin to pen these words. In an often times chaotic world, where so many things seek to grab our attention, we fight against becoming distracted. One person writes, "If destruction fails to entangle us, distraction will do it's best." Still another writes, "Distraction serves evil more than any other mental state." The word distraction simply means a thing that prevents someone from giving full attention to something else. It is this subject I wish to share some thoughts about today.

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

1st Corinthians 9:24

These words would catch the attention of the church in Corinth, for they would have been part of the Graeco-Roman world and aware of the strict training that the athletes would commit to. His exhortation is simple, run the very best you can so as to win the prize! He goes on to explain further how one can run such a race. First, the athlete "who competes for the prize is temperate in all things" (v25). The word **temperate** means to be self-controlled. There is no doubt that self-control is needed in our Christian walk. The need to say NO is ever before us. Thankfully, we can take comfort in knowing that self-control is an aspect of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) working in our lives. Listen to these reassuring words, "The Spirit God gave us does not make us afraid. He is our source of power and love and self-control" (ETRV, 2nd Timothy 1:7). Self-control is not about what I

do; but rather, what I enable God to do through me. Second, staying with the athletic metaphor, Paul speaks of an "imperishable crown" (v25). Here, he points to a goal, a purpose behind the Christian's efforts to live a self-controlled life. Listen to how the ETRV translates 1st Corinthians 9:26, "So I run like a person that has a goal." Philippians 3:14, "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Christianity has always been intentional!

But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

1st Corinthians 9:27

The countless things Paul had to deal with in order to proclaim Christ could have become distractions, drawing his attention away from the goal, which is Christ Jesus. Aware of these truths, he disciplined himself so as to not be disqualified. Paul wanted to do his very best in preaching the gospel and being Christ-like to those he encountered, encouraging the church in Corinth to do the same. The question is, "Are you being distracted?"

Dennis

Sermon Notes
