

## God, Godliness, and Goals

**Hebrews 12:1-2 “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

Have you ever struggled to know if a decision you’re making, or a path you’re taking is of the LORD?

When you walk with God, you want to know your walking in His strength, not yours (Zechariah 4:6). You don’t want to waste your time or God’s with futile, purposeless living. But, you also don’t want to walk in front of God, blazing a fleshly trail, doing your own thing, only to find yourself frustrated, and wrongly blaming God for your failure. Then there’s the “Waiting on God” factor found in Isaiah 40:31.

So how do you find the balance, and live it out?

- 1) If you aim at nothing...that’s what you’ll hit. Proverbs 28:19 says that, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.”
- 2) Know you’re calling (2 Peter 1:9-10). Your calling is God’s path for your life. Fix your eyes on Jesus, and you will see God’s goals for your life.
- 3) Find out what the LORD’s will already is in the Bible so you can narrow the James 4:15 “ifs”.
- 4) If you **can’t** pray it, or ask the LORD to bless it, **don’t** do it. For example, if you wanted to cheat on your taxes, could you pray, “God, please bless me to cheat on my taxes.”?
- 5) Don’t come up with your own plan, and then ask God to bless it. First, find out where God wants to take you, and then walk in the blessing.