

THE POWER OF FOCUS
#SermonFocus
Adding Power To Your Purpose Part 1
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2 Thessalonians 1:11 ...We constantly pray for you, that... by his (God's) power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. (NIV)

Matthew 6:33a The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. (ICB)

Matthew 3:2 Turn to God and change the way you think and act, because the kingdom of heaven is near. (GW)

Four Factors That Will Help You Refocus

1. WHEN I EXPERIENCE PAIN

Proverbs 20:30 Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways. (TEV)

Psalms 119:71 My troubles turned out all for the best – they forced me to learn from Your textbook. (Msg)

2. WHEN I BELIEVE GOD WANTS WHAT'S BEST FOR ME

Isaiah 48:17 I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. (NIV)

Romans 15:13a May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him... (NIV)

3. WHEN I KNOW GOD'S TRUTH

Proverbs 15:14 A wise person is hungry for truth, while the fool feeds on trash. (NLT)

John 8:32 You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (CEV)

4. WHEN I DO WHAT GOD SAYS

Colossians 2:7 Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the

subject and **start living it!** (MSG)

Philippians 3:13 I am still not all I should be, but I am **focusing all my energies** on this **one thing**: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead... (NLT)

Luke 5:32 I'm here inviting outsiders, not insiders—an invitation to a **changed life, changed inside and out**. (MSG)