



Focus - Week 7

5 Stones



Main Thought: To be successful we must focus on key result areas.

Object: Keys

What if I told you I know the secret to success? What if I told you the secret to success is behind a locked door and I have the key? Would you want the key?

Here's the problem, there are dozens of doors and hundreds of keys, and you have less than one minute to find the right key for the right door. Sounds like a nightmare doesn't it? Ever have one of those dreams where you are being chased by a pack of wolves or a stranger, and you are fumbling to open a door to escape?

I brought with me a collection of keys from my 6 year old son. Although it looks like there are at least 50 keys, this is just part of his collection. Which key goes to which door, I'm not sure.

(Story of David and Goliath) Why was David successful in defeating Goliath? What was the underlying key area that motivated David to victory?

Here are the possible keys to motivating David to victory:

- 📌 Fame: Was it the fact that if he beat Goliath he would be famous?
- 📌 Value: How about defeating Goliath so that he could prove to his dad that he was worthy to be loved?
- 📌 Respect: Maybe defeating Goliath would finally give him respect with his brothers.
- 📌 Riches: Defeating Goliath would make him rich, as the King was going to pay the victor from his treasury.
- 📌 Tax Exemption: Whoever defeated Goliath would be exempt from paying taxes, forever! I like that one.
- 📌 Love: It was known that whoever defeated Goliath got the King's daughter! All comes down to the woman right?

Actually, the key to victory was doing the right thing. All those other areas were good, they were not the most important, nor the key factor in victory.

In life you have many good opportunities, but what are the key areas for success?

In a football huddle, who calls the plays; the quarterback, running back, center, or the line men? Although each of those positional players may have a favorite or more enjoyable play, it's the coach who gives the call. Although there are many choices, it comes down to listening to the coach. Focus. Focus

on the play call by the coach and then giving your best. There are multiple calls for success, but the coach is calling in the right play for the right time. Will you focus on that key call?

David could have chosen multiple keys for fighting, but it boiled down to him focusing on the key to victory, doing the right thing in honor of his coach.

Stop and give a good hard look at your life and ask why? Why am I doing what I'm doing? Consider the key areas in your life and focus on the right key. Do the right thing. Just as the right key will open the right door, the wrong key will open the wrong door.

FOCUS - The word is focus, and we must carefully consider the key areas in our life and what will really bring success. Like David, it comes down to asking, "What is the right thing?" (What will honor God?)

DO HARD THINGS:

Mark down key areas of your life: Faith, Family, School, Work/Sport, Relationships. Within those areas, are you focused on doing the right things for the right reasons?