

February 19, 2023. Welcome to Atlee Church Online. We are so glad you joined us today!

Undistracted Determination

Nehemiah 1-6

My friend, **pay attention** to what I say;
turn your ear to my words.
Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart,
for they are life to those who find them
and health to one's whole body.
Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.
Keep your mouth free of perversity;
keep corrupt talk far from your lips.
Let your eyes look straight ahead;
fix your gaze directly before you.
Give careful thought to the paths for your feet
and be steadfast in all your ways.
Do not turn to the right or the left;
keep your foot from evil. Prov 4:20-27 NIV

And I sent messengers to them, saying, **"I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"** Nehemiah 6:3
ESV

Undistracted Determination - The fixed intention to achieve a desired end.

Since we are surrounded by so many examples of faith, we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially sin that distracts us. We must run the race that lies ahead of us and never give up. Hebrews 12:1 GW

We must focus on Jesus, the source and goal of our faith. He saw the joy ahead of him, so he endured death on the cross and ignored the disgrace it brought him. Now he holds the honored position—the one next to God the Father on the heavenly throne. Hebrews 12:2 GW

Think about Jesus, who endured opposition from sinners, so that you don't become tired and give up. Hebrews 12:3 GW

Undistracted Dedication - Self-sacrificing devotion

He said to all of them, “Those who want to come with me must say no to the things they want, pick up their crosses every day, and follow me. Luke 9:23 GW

Those who want to save their lives will lose them. But those who lose their lives for me will save them. Luke 9:24 GW

What good does it do for people to win the whole world but lose their lives by destroying them? Luke 9:25 GW

Undistracted Discipline - Control gained by obedience

Don't you realize that everyone who runs in a race runs to win, but only one runner gets the prize? Run like them, so that you can win. 1 Corinthians 9:24 GW

Everyone who enters an athletic contest goes into strict training. They do it to win a temporary crown, but we do it to win one that will be permanent. 1 Corinthians 9:25 GW

So I run—but not without a clear goal ahead of me. So I box—but not as if I were just shadow boxing. 1 Corinthians 9:26 GW

Rather, I toughen my body with punches and make it my slave so that I will not be disqualified after I have spread the Good News to others. 1 Corinthians 9:27 GW

Experiencing Today's Message

Which area of the six are you the most distracted in right now?

How can Nehemiah's words in Nehemiah 6:3 help you get undistracted and stay undistracted?

What are the benefits to staying undistracted?

Today's Music

Child of Love – We the Kingdom

Love Come Down – North Point Worship

Death Was Arrested – North Point Worship