



Archery Devotion

Verse:

Proverbs 4:25a "Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you."

Devotion:

Insert the arrow in the string of the bow. Secure the arch of the bow in your hand. With the other hand, pull the string back straining to pull it farther. Focus on your target then release the string. Watch the arrow glide through the air toward the target. This is what you learned today in Archery. To hit the bulls-eye it takes practice and concentration. If you are not fully concentrated on your target, you could easily be distracted from your goal.

In life, our target is to spend eternity with God. A personal relationship with Him is our bulls-eye - serving Him, and following His will is our goal.

To have a personal relationship with God you must admit you are a sinner (Romans 3:23), believe that Jesus Christ is the only solution for sin (John 14:6) and confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord (John 1:12).

Our goal is to serve God and follow His will for our life. In order to maintain this goal, practice and concentration is a must. The practice in our life is to read God's word and pray daily. We must concentrate on what we read and listen to God's voice in our life to grow in our relationship with Him. When we are in a relationship with God, we want to serve Him and follow His will.

We know that there are distractions in our everyday life. Distractions can come from friends, family, movies, music, video games, internet, gossip and so many other things, all of which Satan uses to help divert us from the bulls-eye – our relationship with God. When we are distracted, we need to "fix our gaze" and refocus everything in our lives on the target of spending eternity with God.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you have a personal relationship with God?
2. What are some of the distractions you face in life? How do you handle those distractions?
3. How long do you believe eternity is? What is your concept of Heaven? What is the alternative to spending eternity in heaven?