

Refocus Your Life

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 – Pastor Roger Freeman

What's your process to get focused? What steps do you take to get your bearings and set new personal goals?

Dig In!

Refocus your life with a new purpose (7:1c) “brining holiness to completion in the fear of God”

- How do you know if you're relying on positional holiness rather than developing practical holiness?
- What advantages come from always pursuing holiness, even if we can't be perfect on every individual decision, thought, and action?
- How do the 'fear of God' and the pursuit of holiness shape your so-called New Year's resolutions?

Refocus your life with a new process (7:1b) “beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body (flesh) and spirit”

- Why do Christians need to be told that they should cleanse themselves from the defiling excrement of sin? (Recall the sermon illustrations of “sloop stains” and “maggot infestations”).
- *“It's okay not to be okay, but it's not okay to stay that way.”* What processes can we initiate and maintain that will mortify (take life from) sinful desire and vivify (give life to) good desires?
- Who do you let help you refocus your approach to holiness? (6:11). Why is your heart open wide toward them? More importantly, what are they directing you to do?

Refocus your life with a new perspective (7:1a) “Since we have these promises”

- *God has promised to be present in the life of his church. What further steps toward holiness can you take to make him more comfortable in your midst? (See Colossians 3:5-17)*

“The “What?” of the Christian life is holiness. The “How?” is through cleansing ourselves from defilement. The “Why?” is because the Holy God has entered our lives. He changes everything! Let's refocus our lives on Holiness!”

Break Out!

- Consider if your current goals are also holy goals. Bring your goals to God in prayer. Rejoice over the goals that don't require you to compromise your holiness! Seek his favour to accomplish these. Repent from goals that can only be accomplished through sinful behaviour.

