

What You Focus On Increases

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." Jesus Christ | Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

Lens in hand, we'd twist it to find just the right angle and distance. Suddenly a hint of smoke would rise as the target started to burn, we'd found the sweet spot of intense focus. Magical! Some friends liked to fry ants. I preferred dry leaves, loved the smell. Of course, if I wasn't careful, a wildfire could have erupted. There is great power in focus!

Like the laws of sowing and reaping, this principle is reliable: What you focus on increases. Exploiting it, what could happen if you intensely focused your energy on your Mission? Think of a kingdom wildfire erupting, a fire of such intensity that the cares of the world would fall aside just as Jesus promised. Magical!

Reflect: How intense is my focus on my Mission?

How do you start a kingdom wildfire? Like kids burning a leaf with a magnifying glass, it starts as a wisp of smoke that's hard to notice.

Simply twist your life such that more and more of your energy pours through your Mission, the lens. Soon you'll notice a smolder so small, you may dismiss it. Persevere! Before long you'll find yourself in the midst of a great wildfire. What you focus on increases, right?

Consider: As I pour more and more energy into my Mission a wildfire will erupt.

Not a matter of luck, the eruption of a kingdom wildfire requires intense, intentional focus within every Forum you operate. Paul, who's Mission was "Bringing the Good News to the Gentiles," remained on Mission even while in prison. God provided for Paul and advanced his Mission in the midst... in fact, the jailer's entire household was baptized. Wildfire!

"Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening... Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:25-30

I bet Paul woke each morning with his Mission square in his sights, and recounted the day's successes before he put his head down, as should you! Jesus made it clear: Seek the Kingdom of God above all else... each day.

Imagine: Setting my sights on my Mission afresh each morning, recapping successes each night.

Each morning, dedicate a minute to set your Mission firmly in your mind. (Post it where you can see it regularly as a reminder.) Repeat it to yourself several times and pray for God to present opportunities to advance it throughout the day. Then set out attuned to these opportunities, prepared to engage when they occur.

Before you lay your head down, review the events of the day with a focus on your Mission. Much like zeroing in on the right angle and distance with your lens. Ask, "What opportunities presented themselves? Was I able to engage them? If not, what could I do next time? How could I do it more tomorrow?" You will become more focused and encouraged as the wildfire starts to build.

Watch out...Who's to Say What God May Do? Because...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- Which Forums have I neglected bringing my Mission to?
- How will I increase my focus on my Mission in these?
- How will I change my morning and evening routines to focus on my Mission?

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

A wildfire erupts as I focus my energy on my Mission.

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him."

The Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1 (NLT)









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