

# Focus

A little boy came to his mother in the kitchen and said, “Mommy, could I have an ice cream sandwich?” His mother responded by telling him, “If you clean your room, make your bed, and pick up your toys I will get one for you.”

For the next hour the mother did not see her son. She heard a plunk here and a thump there, but there was no doubt the boy was working his hardest to do what his mother had asked of him. Finally, he came back and said he was finished with the chores given to him. His mother went and checked his work. Finding it satisfactory, she gave him the promised ice cream sandwich.

When we find something that we really want, it is easy to be focused upon the tasks necessary to acquire it. We will go to great lengths to get what we desire, often taking on difficult tasks without a second thought because that is what is required to get that upon which we have focused.

Therefore, it is easy to tell whether we are focused on eternity and Heaven as our home. You see, if we are focused on doing what is necessary to reach our Lord’s side for all eternity, there will be no chore too big, no decision too difficult, and no stone unturned in our lives. We will not be deterred from the ultimate goal and will not allow anything to stand between us and a right relationship with God.

Paul discussed such a focus when he wrote, “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14).

Where have we placed our focus? ~~ *Adam Cozort*