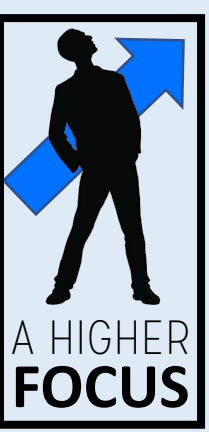


Higher Ground

KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FOCUS IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD





The Need For A Higher Focus

- The World Competes For Our Attention

- The Cares of the World

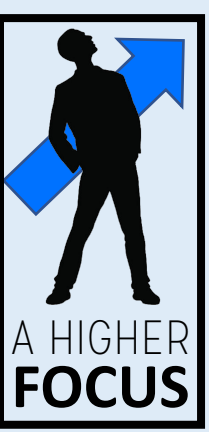
LUKE 8:14

- Temptations of Every Type

1ST JOHN 2:16; 1ST COR. 10:13; 1ST PET. 5:8, 9

- But All This Leads Us Away From God

MATT. 7:13, 14; 1ST JOHN 2:16



The Need For A Higher Focus

- This World Is A Cause for Stress

- Doubts

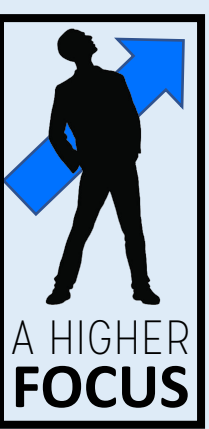
NUMBERS 13:31-14:4

- Worry

MATTHEW 6:25-32

- But Doubt & Worry Will Supplant Our Faith

MT. 14:25-32; HEB. 3:16-19; 13:5; MT. 6:33



The Need For A Higher Focus

- This World Wants Us to Focus on SELF

- What SELF Wants/Needs

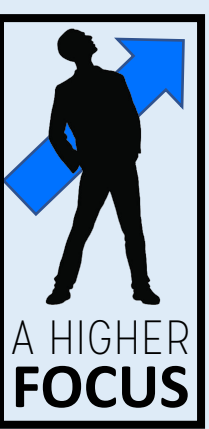
GEN. 3:5; MATT. 4:1-3

- What Makes SELF Happy

JAMES 1:14

- But SELF Takes Our Focus Off of GOD

ROMANS 2:8, 9; JAMES 3:16



How to Have A Higher Focus

- We Have to KNOW There is Something More

- A Homeland

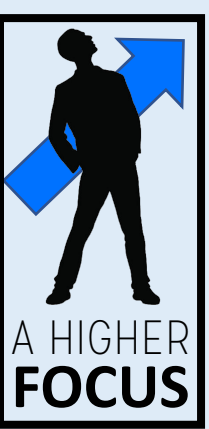
HEBREWS 11:13, 14

- Greater Riches

HEBREWS 11:24-26

- Eternal Life

1ST JOHN 2:25; ROMANS 2:6, 7



How to Have A Higher Focus

- We Have to **DESIRE** Something More

- A Heavenly [Not Earthly] Home

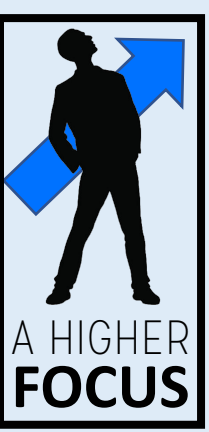
HEBREWS 11:16; 2ND COR. 5:1, 2

- Heavenly [Not Earthly] Riches

MATTHEW 6:19-21

- Eternal [Not Temporary] Life

REV. 22:17; MATT. 16:25



How to Have A Higher Focus

- We Have to Make the Effort

- We Must Love the Higher MORE

MATT. 22:37; 10:37

- We Must No Longer Seek the Lower

TITUS 2:11, 12; EPH. 4:22; GAL. 5:24

- We Must Begin the Journey

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

COLOSSIANS 3:1, 2