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Series: The Principle of the Path

Today's Message: Attention Retention

Key Principle: "Direction - not _____ - determines our destination." ~Andy Stanley

Psalm 16:11 "You make known to me the path of life..."

Key Component: What gets our _____ determines our direction and ultimately our destination.

Attention Retention

1. Attention Grabbers

Two Truths:

1. Emotion fuels the thing that _____ or capture our attention, intentionality fuels our decision to give certain things our attention.

Attention —————> DIRECTION —————> Destination

* "Pay attention!" - "pay" implies price, a cost involved, giving away value, loss

2. It is the cost associated with paying attention to the _____ things that make it so difficult to do so.

* We face this _____ relationally, financially, professionally, and spiritually.

Deuteronomy 7:12 "If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord will keep His covenant with you..."

Psalm 119:35 "Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight."

Psalm 119:37 "Turn my eyes ("my attention") away from worthless things."

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

Matthew 6:22, 23 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness."

* As your eyes go _____, so goes your life; as your attention goes it goes for good or bad.

2. The Problem: Application

These distractions—direct our lives too often and so have become the direction

Hebrews 2:1 "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away."

WARNING: Refuse to let life's disappointments pull you away from God; instead - lean hard into your loving Father.

* Knowing doesn't make the difference... Doing Does... Choose Wisely