# Stay on Target

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2 Timothy 2:8-15, 1 Timothy 1:5-7, 2 Timothy 2:19-26

#### **Descended From David**

- God said He was going to send a Savior, a descendent of King David, and He would be a Savior for all.
- The Gospel was the good news, the ultimate news, the kind of news that interrupts everything else because it stands above everything else.
- What matters most is not our circumstances, but where we stand in relationship to the purpose of God.

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- Liturgy is a fixed set of ceremonies, words, etc., that are used during public worship.
- Liturgical beliefs did not grow out of the early church, the early church grew out of these beliefs.
- Even if you are not valuable to anyone else, you are incredibly valuable to God.
- Other purposes are trying to take over our lives, and it is vital to stay on target.

#### **Remember What Matters**

- God is always here, but bringing God's presence into focus is what serves God's purpose.
- We must guard against wandering off into vain ideas.
- Do not focus on what might get people's attention but by being approved by God.
- Avoid getting sidetracked on non-important matters.

# Guard Against What Seeks To Take Control Of You.

- Paul warns us to guard against what seeks to take control of us.
- We have the propensity to sell ourselves out.
- Separated from God, human life seeks power and pleasure in the consumption of others.
- If you want to keep your life on target do not confuse pleasure for purpose.

## Conclusion

- Guard yourself from harmful contempt towards those in whom you may contend.
- We are to become more constructive than contentious.
- Do not lose focus contending for secondary issues.
- We need to recenter ourselves to re-embrace God's unchanging purpose.