



Veritas in Prayer Being Intentional

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Father, You are never-failing. While You graced this earth with Your presence, You were secure in Your purpose and identity. Never were You afraid of not being accepted, concerned about protecting Your image, or worried about upsetting Your audience. You pressed forward on Your mission, being distracted only if it was purposeful in fulfilling Your mission. You, in Your graciousness, invite us into this divine drama, and You empower us to join You in Your work here on earth now. Lord, build upon our prayers for clean hearts from last week. We commit to examine our behaviors, attitudes, and thought life. Convict our hearts to utilize our time and energy wisely, missionally, and always discerning a discipleship moment, whether it be discipling our own children, a younger generation of parents entering Veritas Academy, or a new family. May we not be so distracted with our own self interests but continually seeking the interests of others. (Phil 2:4) We confess that we even allow good things to become stumbling blocks that easily “encumber us.” (Matthew 18:7-9) We commit that we will set aside important things for intentional things. May the things of this world that we think are important never allow us to miss out on union with You and being on mission with You. Thank You for allowing us to be on this amazing adventure with You. May we continually be intentional as Jesus was, never missing an opportunity.

Scriptures to Meditate Upon for Intentionality

John 4:34: “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work.”

John 17:4: “I have brought You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave me to do.”

Hebrews 12:1: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

Question to Meditate Upon:

What are some of your greatest distractions? How do they hinder your spiritual life and distract you from being intentional with the time you have with your spouse and children?

What do you want people to remember most about you?

A Final Prayer: Lord, You are gracious to “restore the years the locusts have eaten.” (Joel 2:25) We understand and accept that You must deal with sin. When Your people repent, they find abundant blessing that more than compensates for what was lost. Your grace is sufficient. Restore us, revive us, and make us intentional people serving You, our great God. Amen.