## **DISTRACTIONS**

(Selected Scriptures)

Introduction: All of us are on this Earth to fulfill a purpose. We were created and Redeemed that we might know God; spend time with God; walk with God; and to serve God.

Now, more than any time in human history, there are more distractions to capture the attention of God's people so as to divert them and render them unfruitful for God.

We are BUSY, BUSY with no time for God!

\* Don't miss God's Perfect will, by being Led Astray by Worldly Distractions:

- I. A Word of <u>CAUTION</u> regarding Distractions:
  - A. Beware of Worldly Distractions that can STEAL THE HEART away from God

(The Worlds System and Things Divert our love from God) - 1 John 2:15-17

B. Beware of Worldly Distractions that can CHOKE THE WORD to prevent Fruitfulness

(The Cares of this world and the Deceitfulness of Riches Strangle the Seed of God's Word) - Matthew 13:22

II. A Word of <u>CURE</u> regarding Distractions:

(How to Conquer the Temptation of Distractions)

Don't blame anyone else; The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart Jas 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is <u>drawn away</u> of his own lust, and enticed.

- A. Make this a Daily Matter of Prayer "Deliver us from temptation" (Matthew 6:3)
- B. Keep your eyes Focused on Jesus Christ "For to me to Live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21)
- C. Seek God every Day of the Week "Early will I seek Thee" (Psalm 63:1; Isaiah 26:9)
- D. Make a Priority List and Schedule and Follow it "Seek ye First the Kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33)
- E. Remove as many distractions from your life as you can