Aim – Fire!

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AIM, FIRE... PLEASE!

I. FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:9 GWT - Whether we live in the body or move out of it, OUR GOAL is to be pleasing to him.

2 Corinthians 5:9 NCV - OUR ONLY GOAL is to please God whether we live here or there,

2 Corinthians 5:9 NLT - So WE AIM to please him always, whether we are here in this body or away from this body.

Paul says, WE AIM! I AIM! I FOCUS! I AIM WITH LASER-LIKE PINPOINT ACCURACY!

WHAT are you aiming for?

More importantly... WHO are you aiming for?

HOW are you aiming?

II. You Aim YOUR EYES and YOUR MIND and YOUR HANDS and YOUR FEET thousands a time each day. You are actually setting GOALS all the time. Consider these:

Reading on your computer, phone, or a book or magazine.

Pressing a button or icon on your phone.
Driving in your lane.

Reading a traffic sign.

Reading an aisle sign when shopping for groceries.

Focusing on a traffic light.

Focusing your mind on a problem to solve.

You even aim your mouth towards the one to whom you are speaking, and your ears towards that you want to hear.

AIMING OR FOCUSING IS AN EVENT THAT IS ALWAYS OCCURING.

YOUR HEART OF HEARTS CAN AIM TOO! YOU CAN SET YOUR HEART ON PLEASING HIM!

III. AIM - FIRE... PLEASE HIM!

PLEASE HIM with your obedience!

(Easier to OBEY than to STRAY!)

PLEASE HIM with your FAITH!

(Take Him at His Word! ...in every detail of your life!)

PLEASE HIM with your praise and worship!

(He wants to be ROMANCED! Worship is CORRECTION of FOCUS!)

PLEASE HIM by STOP trying to control EVENTS and PEOPLE they are beyond your control.

(Surrender, let go, quit trying to change what and whom you cannot!)

PLEASE HIM with your conversation.
(Doubt, Fear, Unbelief, Gossip, Whining and Negativism have GOT TO GO!)

PLEASE HIM with your prayers offered. (The greatest tragedy is NOT Unanswered Prayer. The greatest tragedy is Unoffered Prayer! Oswald Chambers:. Jesus never mentioned unanswered prayer; He had the boundless certainty that prayer is always answered.)

PLEASE HIM by consulting with Him on major decisions, major purchases, major relationships, major... anything! (CHECK IN WITH HIM AND EXPECT HIS GUIDANCE... subtle or spectacular.)

PLEASE HIM by being a Mary, NOT a Martha, by STOPPING, SCHEDULING, READING AND RECEIVING HIS WORD DAILY! (You and I need an EXTENDED "Go and Read" Time daily. We also need "Read as you Go" Times throughout the day!)

PLEASE HIM by maintaining a MERRY HEART! (JERRY SAVELLE - "If Satan can't steal your joy, he can't keep your goods!". "The joy of the Lord is your strength!". Stir up that joy again!)

PLEASE HIM by fighting to keep your focus! Refocus as necessary. (MIKE MURDOCK - "The ONLY reason men fail is BROKEN FOCUS!"

PLEASE HIM by SIMPLE GESTURES OF LOVE TO OTHERS.

(The Bible in one translation says, "Kindness makes a man attractive!". Also ask forgiveness when you speak wrongly to others... Humble Yourself, man, humble Yourself! Asking forgiveness is in itself also a gesture of love... to your wife, to your children, to anyone and everyone!

III. WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR AIM IS OFF.

WE AIM TO PLEASE HIM! YOU WON'T DO THIS PERFECTLY AND YOU WILL FALL, FAIL, MISS THE MARK, AND SIN ON OCCASSION... but in that case PLEASE HIM by confessing it away! SEE 1 JOHN 1:9 AND 1 JOHN 2:1-2. PLEASE HIM by LETTING Him be
your advocate... your legal eagle, your supernatural defense attorney! JESUS GRADUATED FROM LAW SCHOOL MAGNA CUM LAUDE AND VALEDICTORIAN! Praise God!

Ask God to help you identify what inside you TRIGGERED your faux pas.

When I shoot my pistol on the range... If I miss, it's because of one or more of five things: 1) I've FOCUSED on the wrong thing. I'm supposed to FOCUS on the front sight, not the rear sights, and definitely not the target. 2). I've anticipated the recoil in advance instead of simply following through, thus I pulled my shot. 3). I snapped the trigger, or squeezed the trigger, instead of slowly r-r-r-olling it. 4). I accidentally placed the trigger in the crease of my finger instead of the fatty tissue of my finger tip. 5). I failed to hold the gun as tight with my left hand as my right hand to balance the aim. ALL OF THESE ARE FOCUS PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY NUMBER 1).

Believe for both FORGIVENESS AND CLEANSING when you blow it (of the cause inside you, and the guilt that tries to linger). See 1 John 1:9.

CONFESS IT AWAY BY CONFESSING IT ALOUD TO GOD!

CATEGORICALLY REFUSE TO REVISIT IT!

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