



WORD BREAK

033 – DOORS I MUST KEEP SHUT (Part9)

Dear Child of God,

Welcome to “WORD BREAK” #33, which is designed to give you a nugget from God’s Word to strengthen your daily walk.

DOOR #3 — DISTRACTIONS (Continued)

We need to pattern our lives after Proverbs 4:25.

“25 Keep your eyes straight ahead; ignore all sideshow distractions.” (THE MESSAGE)

One of the most focused individuals I know of is an NBA basketball player whose free throw average consistently stays in the 90 plus percentile. If you’ve ever watched any NBA player walk to the charity stripe to shoot a pair of free throws, you have witnessed the array of distractions he must overcome to make those shots. It is called the charity stripe, because those uncontested free throw shots should be an automatic 2 points added to the team of the one making those shots; but, they’re not. You may ask why, because very few players really know how to shut the **Door called DISTRACTIONS**. People are screaming, waving all kinds of visual objects behind the goal, blowing horns, and bad mouthing the shooter before he shoots each shot. The elite 90 % free throw shooters who never open the **Door of DISTRACTIONS**, are described as, **“He’s cool as a cucumber.”**, **“He’s got ice water in his veins.”** or **“Nothing but net”**. In other words, **they never lose their focus.**

A synonym for **Distractions** is **Detours**. And if allowed, **Detours** can lead to **Dead Ends**.

I want to give you some powerful and sobering scriptures to take with you to study, meditate, and verbally release into the atmosphere.

2 Chronicles 20:31-32

“31 That about sums up Jehoshaphat's reign over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king and ruled as king in Jerusalem for twenty-five years. His mother was Azubah daughter of Shilhi.

32 He continued the kind of life characteristic of his father Asa — no detours, no dead-ends — pleasing GOD with his life.” (THE MESSAGE)

Psalms 119:102-106

“102 I never make detours from the route you laid out; you gave me such good directions.

103 Your words are so choice, so tasty; I prefer them to the best home cooking.

104 With your instruction, I understand life; that's why I hate false propaganda.

105 By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path.

106 I've committed myself and I'll never turn back from living by your righteous order.” (THE MESSAGE)

We must shut, and keep this door shut. We will continue looking at the **Door of Distractions** next time.

Thank you for joining me for this edition of “WORD BREAK”. See you this Sunday!

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