



THE 'DEI' (Necessities) FOR THE  
GRACE BELIEVER (pt 6)

# The Necessity Concerning our Attention and Actions

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*Scripture Reading:*

**Hebrews 2:1-4  
II Thessalonians 3:6-15**

# INTRODUCTION

The believer's attention  
– **mental focus** – has  
tremendous competition

- Where will we focus our attention?
- What focus is **NECESSARY** for our thoughts?

- We have 3 spiritual enemies vying for our attention:
  - **Self-centeredness** from our sin nature
  - **Material values** from the world system
  - **Questions and doubts** from Satanic though attacks
- We have a loving Heavenly Father who is working in us to desire and be energetic for His good opinion – Phil 2:13
- Therefore, the question for each believer is, “Where will I determine to focus my attention?”

# The Necessity of Paying Attention to the Things We Have Heard (Heb 2:1-4)

- **The things we have heard: cf Heb 1:1-3**
  - Progressive revelation through God's Son – vs 2a
  - Age revelation through His Son – vs 2b
  - His Son expresses the exact character of the Father – vs 3a, cf Jn 14:8-11, Col 1:15
  - His Son created and upholds all things – vs 3b, cf Col 1:16-17
  - His Son has made a cleansing of our sins – vs 3c
  - The Son is now seated at right hand of the Father – vs 3d

## The Necessity of Paying Attention to the Things We Have Heard (Heb 2:1-4) continued

- **The importance of paying attention these things:**
  - Correction under Mosaic Law – vs 2
  - Correction for neglecting our great salvation– vs 3

- **A list of authoritative instruction – I Thess 5:16-22:**
  - <sup>16</sup> **”Rejoice always,**
  - <sup>17</sup> **pray without ceasing,**
  - <sup>18</sup> **in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**
  - <sup>19</sup> **Do not quench the Spirit.**
  - <sup>20</sup> **Do not despise prophecies.**
  - <sup>21</sup> **Test all things; hold fast what is good.**
  - <sup>22</sup> **Abstain from every form of evil.”**

**The  
Necessity  
of  
Practicing  
What We  
Have  
Heard and  
Seen**



Walk the talk (and teaching) – I Thess 4:1



Imitate godly behavior –  
II Thess 3:7-9



FIRST PRACTICE what you  
preach/teach - II Tim 2:6

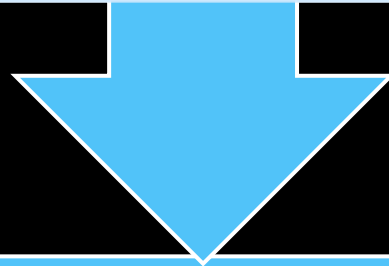
# C O N C L U S I O N

The attention of the unbelieving world is dominated by:

Their self-centered desires

the attractions of the world system

The designs of their “father”, the Devil – Jn 8:44



The believer **NEEDS** to pay full attention to the instructions and example for godly living. That is our earthly purpose – Phil 2:14-15