

# CrossWalk NOTES

## The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Christians

*"For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."  
(2 Peter 1:8, NIV)*

### Habit 1: Keep the Cross in Focus

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Thoughts are huge! Most people will try to control their \_\_\_\_\_ or their \_\_\_\_\_. God encourages us to control our \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>18</sup>The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness... <sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools... (Romans 1:18,21, NIV)

"Focus on the cross" means to think constantly about \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is and \_\_\_\_\_ he has done for you.

<sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (Colossians 1:19-20, NIV)

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<sup>2</sup>Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:3-4, NIV)

#### **My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":**

- When you feel weak, and fearful, focus on the cross. Christ crucified helped Paul when he needed it. He'll help you too! No doubt!
- Know that the message of the cross is powerful. Resolve to walk in God's power, not your own.
- Meditate on and memorize 1 Corinthians 2:2.