

## Proverbs 4:25 (NLT2)

*Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.*

I'm an electronic junkie. If it has buttons and knobs and shiny lights, I just have to have it. That's why electronic manufacturers love people like me because we buy a new computer and a month later, there is a newer model, one that's lighter and faster than the one we just have. I buy nice headphones and newer ones come out that are smaller and sound better... goodbye old headphones. And we won't even talk about music equipment, being a keyboard player.

But what about you? Are there things that you just must have? Clothes, jewelry, food, homes, cars, exercise equipment, a better job, a new boy or girlfriend, a new pet, a new ministry to replace the old one that's getting boring, a new \_\_\_\_\_? You fill in the blank, because even though we may not admit it, there is always something and it's not always easy to see.

But what about a new God or Savior? Noooooo we would never want anything or anyone to replace our Savior Jesus. I hear you, but when we take our eyes off Jesus, that means we are looking for something better than Jesus?

What would come up in our life that would cause us to want to skip church?

Whatever it is has caused you to take your eyes off of Jesus.

What TV show or movie causes us to not read the bible?

Whatever it is has caused you to take your eyes off of Jesus.

What social event at work, or with our friends, or sometimes, even with family, that would we go to, which would compromise our walk with the Lord, because it's at a bar or a club or simply the type of event it is?

Whatever it is has caused you to take your eyes off of Jesus.

What websites are we going to that no Christian should ever be going to?

Whatever it is has caused you to take your eyes off of Jesus.

What sin are we compromising our walk with the Lord with, even though deep down inside we know it's wrong, yet we do it anyway?

Whatever it is has caused you to take your eyes off of Jesus.

Each time something causes us to take our eyes off Jesus, it's a downward spiral, or it's a step back into the world, which is one step closer to a sinful backslidden state.

† **Proverbs 14:14** *The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways, But a good man will be satisfied from above.*

Sure, I'm an electronic junkie, but it has never caused me to not give to the Lord first or to those in need, or pay my bills before my wants, because there is a huge difference between enjoying something, versus having it control us and we allow it to be our obsession.

So let's ask ourselves, "*What is causing me to take my eyes off of Jesus?*" Whatever our answer is, remember it means that we are looking for that something to be better than Jesus? And now you have a choice, which one will you get rid of?

† **Luke 16:13** *No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

† **Galatians 5:24** *And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

† **Romans 6:6 (NLT2)** *We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.*