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# Destinations Series: Where Are You Going?

## Destinations, part 4

Based on Andy Stanley's book *The Principle of the Path*  
and his Podcast, "Destinations: ADD"

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**“ADD vs. ADD”**



## DESTINATIONS SERIES: “ADD vs. ADD”

SUMMARY “Lean Not”: The Principle of the Path: **DIRECTION**,  
*not intention*, **DETERMINES YOUR DESTINATION**

If I am intending and not deciding, then I am pretending

*The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it. Proverbs 27:12*

Every **DIRECTION** has a **DESTINATION**, and  
direction is influenced by your **DECISIONS**



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### Proverbs 3:5-6:

*<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

SUMMARY “Straight Ahead”:

**SUBMISSION PRECEDES DIRECTION**



## "Destinations: ADD vs. ADD

Direction determines direction,

BUT it is the things that get  
our attention

that influence our direction.



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- Attention Deficit Disorder

VS.

- Attention + Direction = Destination



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- Attention Deficit
- Attention Variability
- Attention Overload



- Attention is paid when it is:
  - Grabbed or captured (all about emotion & are generally dangerous)
    - By advertisements, temptations like substances, sensuality,
  - Given (all about intentionality & generally are better & set me up for success)
    - To my marriage, my faith, my finances, my friendships



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**Attention + Direction = Destination**



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- God reminds us of this very important principle. Every writer in Scripture at least alludes to this.
  - Things you pay attention to direct your whole life, both:
    - The things you give your attention to &
    - The things that capture your attention



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- Moses

- God said (paraphrased): “You’re going be tempted to look at how they live.”
- “If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep His covenant of love with you as He swore to your forefathers.” Deut. 7:12



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- Israel acted just like we do.
  - Follow God.
    - Forget God.
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    - Forget God.
  - Follow God.



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- David
  - Direct me in the path of Your commands for there I find delight. Turn my eyes away from worthless things. Preserve my life according to Your Word. Psalm 119:35



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- Solomon:
  - Let your eyes look straight ahead. Fix your gaze directly before you. Do not swerve to the right or to the left. Keep your foot from evil. Prov. 4:25-27



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- Jesus:

- The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. If your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. Matthew 6:22, 23a
- Basically, He is saying that:
  - Attention impacts direction which leads to a specific destination.



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- Author of Hebrews:
  - We must pay more careful attention ...to what we have heard so we do not drift away. As your eyes go, you go. Heb. 2:1
  - Attention/Direction/Destination



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- God sees where we are headed.
  - Anything that grabs your attention has the potential to direct your entire life.



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- What or who has grabbed your attention/affection? You must know this because you want to know where you are headed.
  - You do not break this. You break your self against this principle.
- 2. What do you need to give more attention to?



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- Every direction has a destination, and it is the decisions we make not our intentions that influence where we end up.



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Beginning in January, Jay has a brand new series to help us pay attention to the direction God has for us.

- “One Month to Live” by Kerry and Chris Shook
- Find it at [www.onemonthtolive.org](http://www.onemonthtolive.org).



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The goal is that everyone in church will be involved in a LifeGroup. All groups have agreed to take this series on for the six weeks.

We are looking to start as many groups as needed. So we are looking for facilitators. Please see Jane or me.