

How to Become a World-Class Expert

(Why you should shut off Facebook and twitter)
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Broken Focus

A shallow **attention span**.

“Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica.” (2 Timothy 4:10 NLT)

A Quick-fix **mentality**.

Driven to **distraction**.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is **double-minded and unstable in all they do.**” (James 1:5-8 NIV)

Fixed Focus

The gift of **creative neglect**.

The gift of **curiosity**.

“This is what the LORD says: ‘Don’t let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the LORD who demonstrates unflinching love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the LORD, have spoken!’” (Jeremiah 9:23-24 NLT)

The gift of **desire**.

“God is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.” (Eph. 3:20)

The gift of **seeing**.

“Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me” (Philippians 4:8-9 NLT)

The gift of **knowing**.

“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)

The gift of **must**.

“Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you. For everyone who **keeps on asking** receives; and he who **keeps on seeking** finds; and to him who **keeps on knocking**, [the door] will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8 AMP)

A vision is . . .

“If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.” (Pro 29)

. . . a **mental picture**. . .

of a **preferred future**. . .

which is **desperately needed**. . .

and **passionately pursued**.