

Blinders

Horses that, still today, must wear blinders were given such to keep them from getting distracted as they make their rounds in streets and busy people everywhere. Horses can run in their own, often disastrous directions, if they're allowed, of course, to use their peripheral vision. As can be quickly seen, blinders block peripheral vision so these horses continue to go as they're directed. In this Gospel's scriptural passage, we find a very personal, and valuable, account of how Jesus related to His Father God. Jesus was not distracted by unhealthy matters, and He never strayed from God's path for Him, but He needed time to focus on His purpose in spite of the chaos around Him. You know, we also have peripheral vision in life - the matters, concerns, temptations, selfish pride, and more of life that, unlike Jesus, can easily prompt us to go running in directions away from God's will for our lives. Only, unlike the horses, we must decide to wear the blinders ourselves in order to be the disciples of God we should be in our lives. If we do, we won't be distracted and run off in a direction that's unhealthy for us. God's will is the best direction. The blinders we are to wear include prayer, reading the Bible, attending church, ministering to others to the glory of Christ, and many more such blessings as we travel very rewarding paths according to God's will.

"Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there he prayed." - Mark 1:35 NKJV