

Imago Dei

Part III; June 6, 2010

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“Sharpen Your Focus”

Deal with any sin splinters that are distracting you.

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It takes time to lock in.

It takes time to really listen.

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– 2Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

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