

Focus on Focus - Hands-On Lesson:

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Focus Settings

The **main 4 areas** to know about focus are **Auto, Mode, Point Selection, and Settings**.

Auto vs. Manual

Continuous, Single, and Dynamic choices

CANON:

- One Shot: for still subjects, press half-way a single focus function
- AI Servo: for moving subjects, press half-way and it continues to change its focus, jumps to different focus points
- AI Focus: just like one shot for still subjects but if the subject moves it jumps to AI Servo mode
- Manual: controlled on lens button

NIKON

- Single: for still subjects, press half-way a single focus function
- Continuous-servo: for moving subjects, press half-way and it continues to change its focus, predicts location of subject, jumps to different focus points, also AF-A is a combination of S and C
- Manual: can be controlled by lens button too.

Focus or Release priority settings should be explored for your body. (Custom Settings Menu-NIKON and Custom Functions-CANON) These are detailed settings that affect if and when the image is captured. For example, in Nikon Single focus setting the image will not be taken if focus has not been achieved (called Focus Priority) and the indicator light is not on. But in Continuous the image is captured whenever the shutter is pressed (called Release Priority).

Focus lock

Focus Point selection and changes

Depth of Field Button

-Aperture priority? Small apertures increase DOF

Lens buttons: A, M, M/A, A/M -

Manual override



How many focus points do you want to enable?

Advanced settings in the menus; priorities, distraction time, points available, points used during dynamic focus following,etc. These settings take thought, study and time to fully grasp.

When shooting:

- Why would you want Manual anyway?
- Where should you focus?
- How do you focus in the dark?
- Are you a "pixel peeper?"
- What would be your normal?

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FOCUS NOTES for CLASSES	CANON	NIKON
AUTO-MANUAL	Button on lens	Button on lens and body
POINT SELECTION	Button  and Dial / can set in CF to Multi-Controller	Multi Selector 
MODE	AF button and dial	Button and dial or Switch
POINT SETTINGS	Custom Functions	Custom Settings under A
FOCUS LOCK	Half press in Single Shot	Half press in Single
BACK BTN	Custom Func can set to * button	Custom A setting can set to AEL or AF-ON button
RELEASE PRIORITY	Single is focus priority	Single is focus priority
OTHER DETAILED SETTINGS	Like Zones and time to ignore	

