

Setting Personal Goals By Faith!

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Transformed Theme Verse:

Romans 12:2, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Why Are Goals Important To Changing My Life?

1) Goal-Setting Is A Spiritual RESPONSIBILITY

Philippians 3:12, Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

2) Goals Are Statements Of FAITH

Ephesians 3:20, Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.²¹ to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Matthew 9:29, Then He touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”; ³⁰ and their sight was restored...

3) Goals Focus My ENERGY And Keep Me GOING

1 Corinthians 9:26, Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

Job 6:11, What strength do I have, that I should still hope? What prospects, that I should be patient?

4) Goals Build My CHARACTER

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5) Good Goals Will Be REWARDED

Proverbs 11:27, Whoever seeks good finds favor, but evil comes to one who searches for it.

1 Corinthians 9:25, Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

What Kind Of Goals Does God Bless?

1) Goals That HONOR GOD

1 Corinthians 6:19, Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 10:31, So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 5:9, So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

2) Goals That Are Motivated By LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:1, If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing...¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

3) Goals That Require DEPENDENCE ON GOD

• I Need God's Spirit to EMPOWER ME

Zechariah 4:6, ... ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.

• I Need God's Word to GUIDE ME

Joshua 1:8, Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

- **I Need God's People To SUPPORT ME**

Ecclesiastes 4:12, *Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

Galatians 6:1, *Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently.*

Four Action Steps As We Begin Transformed:

- 1) Make a commitment to be at a service each Sunday
(9:30a, 11:00a or 6:15p)
- 2) Join a group—Life Groups on campus Sunday mornings or Home Groups throughout the week
- 3) Invite a friend to church or a group
- 4) Pray that God will move in a powerful way in our church and community