

## ***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. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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”; <sup>30</sup>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; <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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...<sup>13</sup>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