

SETTING PERSONAL GOALS BY FAITH

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WHY ARE GOALS IMPORTANT TO CHANGING MY LIFE?

1.

Paul: "I do not mean that I am already as God wants me to be. I have not vet reached that goal, but I continue trying to reach it and to make it mine. Christ wants me to do that, which is the reason he made me his. Brothers and sisters, I know that I have not yet reached that goal, but there is one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize for which God called me through Christ to the life above. All of us who are spiritually mature should think this way, too." Philippians 3:12-15 (NCV)

2.

"According to your faith be it done to you." Matthew 9:29 (ESV)

3.

"I do not run without a goal. I fight like a boxer who is hitting something—not just the air." 1 Corinthians 9:26 (NCV)

4.

Job: "I don't have the strength to endure. I have nothing to live for."

Job 6:11 (NLT)

5.

Paul: "It's not that I've already reached the goal." Philippians 3:12 (GW)

6.

"If your goals are good, you will be <u>respected</u>." Proverbs 11:27 (GNT)

"All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step." 1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (NLT)

WHAT KIND OF GOAL DOES GOD BLESS? 3 questions to ask:

1.

"God paid a great price for you. So use your body to honor God." 1 Corinthians 6:20 (CEV)

"When you eat or drink or do anything else, always do it to honor God." 1 Corinthians 10:31 (CEV)

"We make it our goal to please him." 2 Corinthians 5:9 (NIV)

2.

"Everything that you be <u>done in love</u>." 1 Corinthians 16:14 (PHILLIPS)

"Let love be your highest goal!" 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)

3.

"We plan the way we want to live, but only God makes us able to live it." Proverbs 16:9 (MSG)

• I NEED

"You will not succeed by your own strength or by your own power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord." Zechariah 4:6 (NCV)

• I NEED

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will achieve success." Joshua 1:8 (NASB)

• I NEED

"By yourself you're unprotected. With a friend you can face the worst. Can you round up a third? A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped." Ecclesiastes 4:12 (MSG)