

50 Days of Transformation

Setting Personal Goals by Faith

I. Introduction

- A. Romans 12:2 (NAS) *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

II. Why Set Personal Goals?

- A. Goal-setting is a spiritual responsibility.
1. Mark 1:38 (NLG) *"We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came."*
 2. Philippians 3:12-14 (NAS) *¹²Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*
- B. Goals are statements of faith.
1. Hebrews 11:6a (NAS) *And without faith it is impossible to please Him.*
- C. Goals focus my energy.
- D. Goals keep me going.
1. Hebrews 12:2 (NAS) *Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
- E. Goals build my character.
1. While I'm working on my goals - - God is working on me!
- F. Good goals will be rewarded.
1. Proverbs 11:27a *If your goals are good, you will be respected.*
 2. I Corinthians 9:25 (NLG) *"All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step."*
 3. What kind of goal does God bless - - does God reward?

III. Questions to Ask Yourself in Your Goal-Setting

- A. Will this goal honor God?
1. I Corinthians 6:20 (NLG) *God paid a great price for you. So use your body to honor God.*
 2. I Corinthians 10:31 (NLG) *When you eat or drink or do anything, always do it to honor God.*

B. Is this goal motivated by love?

1. I Corinthians 14:1 (NLG) *Love must be your highest goal.*
2. I Corinthians 16:14 (NLG) *Everything you do must be done with love.*

- C. Will this goal require me to depend upon God?
 - 1. Hebrews 11:6 (NAS) *Without faith it's impossible to please God.*
 - 2. Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) *We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.*

IV. Three Things I Need to Reach My Goals

- A. I need the Holy Spirit to empower me.
- B. I need God's Word to guide me.
 - 1. Joshua 1:8 (NAS) *"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 have success."*
- C. I need God's people to support me.
 - 1. If you will hear - - and read - - and watch - - and talk - - and do - - you will grow.

V. Conclusion