

ABIDING IN CHRIST. THRIVING IN LIFE.
Setting Goals
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"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

The Importance of Goal Setting

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1.	Goal setting is a
	lsaiah 7:14 $^{\text{(NIV)}}-$ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."
	Jeremiah 29:10-11 (NIV) – "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
	Isaiah 53:5 $^{(NIV)}$ – "He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities."
	Luke 24:44 $^{(NV)}$ – "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."
2.	Goals are
	Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) – "It is impossible to please God without faith."
	Matthew 9:29 (NIV) – "According to your faith let it be done to you."
	Ephesians 3:20 (TLB) – "Glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes."
3	Goals .
0.	1 Corinthians 9:26 (CEV) – "I don't run without a goal. And I don't box by beating my fists in the air."
4.	Goals
	Hebrews 12:2 $^{\text{(GW)}}$ – "Jesus saw the joy ahead of him, so he endured death on the cross and ignored the disgrace it brought him. Now he holds the honored position—the one next to God the Father on the heavenly throne."
	Job 6:11 $^{\text{(GW)}}$ – "What strength do I have left that I can go on hoping? What goal do I have that I would want to prolong my life?"
5.	Goals
	Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) – "Where there is no vision, the people perish."
	1 Timothy 4:8 $^{\text{NLV}}$ – "Growing strong in body is all right but growing in God-like living is more important. It will not only help you in this life now but in the next life also."
	Philippians 3:12 $^{(CEV)}$ – "I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize."
6.	Good goals
	Proverbs 11:27 (GNT) – "If your goals are good, you will be respected."
	1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (TLB) – "An athlete goes to all this trouble just to win a blue ribbon or a silver cup, but we do it for a <u>heavenly reward</u> that never disappears. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step."

<u>Testing our Goals</u>

1. Will it
2 Corinthians 5:15 (NLT) – "He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them."
2 Corinthians 5:9 (NLT) – "Whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him."
Colossians 2:6-7 [TLB] — "Just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust him, too, for each day's problems; live in vital union with him. Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him. See that you go on growing in the Lord,"
2. Is it
1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT) – "Let love be your highest goal!"
1 Corinthians 16:14 (NLT) – "Do everything with love."
John 15:12 $^{\text{(NLT)}}$ – "This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you."
3. Will it
Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) – "It is impossible to please God without faith."
Ephesians 3:20 [NLT] – "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."
Proverbs 16:9 (MSG) – "We plan the way we want to live, but only GOD makes us able to live it."
HOW?
1. He gives you
Zechariah 4:6 (CEV) – "I am the LORD All-Powerful. So don't depend on your own power or strength, but on my Spirit."
2. He gives you
Psalm 119:105 (NLT) – "Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."
Joshua 1:8 $^{\text{NLI}}$ – "Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do."
3. He gives you
Ecclesiastes 4:12 [NLT] — "A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."
Hebrews 10:24 $^{(\text{NLT})}-$ "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works."
"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."
John 15:5 (NLT)
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