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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

WHY ARE GOALS IMPORTANT TO CHANGING MY LIFE?

1. GOAL-SETTING IS A SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITY

*"I know that I am not yet what God wants me to be. I haven't reached **that goal**, but I keep moving toward it to make it mine because Christ made me and saved me for this. I know that I haven't yet reached **my goal**, but there's one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, I keep my eyes focused on **the goal** so that I may one day win the prize that God has called me to receive through Christ in the life above. All of you who are spiritually mature should think this same way, too."* Philippians 3:12-15

2. GOALS FOCUS MY ENERGY

"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)

3. GOALS KEEP ME GOING

"Jesus endured the cross because he looked forward to the joy (goal) and the glory that was set before him." Hebrews 12:2

"I do not have the strength to endure. I do not have a goal that encourages me to carry on."
Job 6:11 (NLT)

WHAT KIND OF GOAL DOES GOD BLESS?

1. WILL IT HONOR GOD?

"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, 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. IS IT MOTIVATED BY LOVE?

"Everything you do must be done with love." 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NLT)

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

3. WILL IT REQUIRE DEPENDING ON GOD?

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

• I NEED GOD'S SPIRIT TO EMPOWER ME

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

• I NEED GOD'S WORD TO GUIDE ME

"Keep this Book of the Law on your lips. Recite it by day and by night, that you may carefully follow all that is written in it; THEN you will successfully attain your goal." Joshua 1:8 (NAB)

- **I NEED GOD'S PEOPLE TO SUPPORT ME**

"By yourself you're unprotected. But with a friend you can face the worst. And a group of three is even better because a rope braided with three strands is not easily snapped!"

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (Message)

"Where two or three are gathered in my name I'll be in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20