

HOW TO SET AND REACH YOUR GOALS

Success – Part 7

Proverbs 11:27 (GN) “If your goals are good, you will be respected.”

Proverbs 16:9 (LB) “We should make plans, counting on God to direct us.”

Proverbs 24:3-4 (LB) “An enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.”

Proverbs 13:16 (LB) “A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn’t, and even brags about it!”

1. DETERMINE YOUR _____.

Genesis 24:1 (NIV) “Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the Lord had blessed him in every way.”

2. DEFINE YOUR _____.

Genesis 27:4 (NIV) “... Go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac.”

Genesis 24:5 “But his servant asked him, ‘What if the woman is unwilling to come back with me to this land?’”

3. DISCOVER A _____.

Genesis 24:7 (NIV) “The Lord... spoke to me and promised me saying, ‘To your offspring I will give this land’...”

4. DESCRIBE THE _____.

Genesis 24:7b (NIV) “... so that you can get a wife for my son there.”

5. DESIRE IN _____.

Mark 11:24 (NIV) “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Praying for your goals does two things:

1) It reveals _____.

2) It shows your _____.

Genesis 24:12 (NIV) “When he prayed, `O Lord, God of my master Abraham, give me success today...”

6. DIAGNOSE THE _____.

7. DESIGN A _____.

Genesis 24:10-14 (NIV) “Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and left, taking with him all kinds of good things. He set out for Haram and made his way to the town of Nahor. He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town. It was toward evening at the time the women go out to draw water. ... `See I am standing beside this spring and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a girl, “Please, let down your jar that I may have a drink.” And she says, “Drink, and I will water your camels, too.” Let her be the one You have chosen for Your servant Isaac. By this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master.””

Genesis 24:15-16 “Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder...The girl was very beautiful, a virgin. No man had ever lain with her.”

8. DISCIPLINE YOUR _____.

Four areas of discipline:

1) Discipline your _____.

Genesis 24:21 (NIV) “Without saying a word the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful.”

2) Discipline your _____.

Genesis 24:33 (NIV) “Then food was set before him, but he said, ‘I will not eat until I’ve told you what I need to say.’”

3) Discipline your _____.

Genesis 24:49 (NIV) “Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me. If not, tell me, so I will know which way to turn.” He is very tactful with her parents. He’s careful with his words.

4) Discipline your _____.

Genesis 24:56 (NIV) “Do not detain me now that the Lord has granted me success.”

9. DEPOSIT THE _____.

Genesis 24:53 (NIV) “Then the servant brought out gold and silver and articles of clothing and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave costly gifts to her brother and her mother.”

10. DEPEND ON _____.

THREE CAUTIONS:

1. You need to be _____.

Proverbs 13:17 (LB) “It is pleasant to see plans develop. That is why fools refuse to give them up even when they are wrong.”

2. Plan for tomorrow but _____.

Matthew 6:34 (LB) “So don’t be anxious about tomorrow – God will take care of your tomorrow. Live one day at a time.”

3. Recognize that God is _____.

Proverbs 16:1 (LB) “We can make our plans, but the final outcome is in God’s hands.”

James 4:13-15 (NIV) “Now listen, you who say, ‘today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and make money.’ Instead you ought to say ‘IF it is the Lord’s will, we will do this or that.’”