

4. DEVELOP A SERIES OF GOALS TO REACH THE VISION

Luke 13:31-33, NIV - *At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.'*" In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!"

- a. Break The Big Vision Down Into A Number Of Smaller Goals Or Steps
- b. Use A Goal Plan To Develop A Detailed Plan

EXAMPLE – GOAL = DRIVER'S LICENSE

IN WHAT AREAS OF MY LIFE SHOULD I DEVELOP GOALS?

Mark 12:28,30-31, NIV – *"One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ... "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."*

- Heart – Spiritual life
- Soul – Emotional life
- Mind – Intellectual life
- Strength – Physical life
- Neighbour – Social life

APPLICATION

- What goals do I need to set, for my spiritual life?
- What goals do I need to set, for my emotional life?
- What goals do I need to set, for my intellectual life?
- What goals do I need to set, for my physical life?
- What goals do I need to set, for my social life?

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE

Part 3 – Take Responsibility For The Positive

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REVIEW

1. Two Problems

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV – *"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."*

Two main problems:

- a) A presence of negative obstacles
- b) An absence of positive progress

2. We Need To Take Personal Responsibility

1 Thessalonians 5:23, NRSV – *"May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound [presence of positives in your life] and blameless [absence of negatives in your life] at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

- a) Take personal responsibility for ridding ourselves of the negatives that are in our lives
- b) Take personal responsibility for pursuing the positives that we want in our lives
- c) Take personal responsibility for allowing the gifts God has given us to flow through our lives

3. An Eight Step Plan To Deal With The Negative

1. Recognize - Step Out Of Your Denial
2. Responsibility – Take Personal Ownership For Your Issues And Actions
3. Repent – Grieve With God's Heart Over Every Negative Thing
4. Renounce – Turn Completely From Every Negative Thing
5. Remove – Take Every Negative Root Out Of Your Life
6. Resist – Refuse To Give In To The Lure Of The Negative
7. Rejoice – Practice An Attitude Of Gratitude
8. Restore – Help Someone Else Get Free

HOW TO ADD POSITIVES INTO OUR LIVES

1. DEFINE A CLEAR VISION

a. We Need A Vision From God

Proverbs 29:18, KJV – *Where there is no vision, the people perish.*
Proverbs 29:18, NIV – *Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint.*

- “Perish/cast off restraint”
- Hebrew = “para” = “To avoid, be lacking in restraint, draw away from, let go of control of, let loose, neglect, uncover”

b. What Is A Vision?

- Definition: A vision is a clear picture of a preferable future
- A vision is a clear picture of what things will be like, if we start to fully trust, obey, and cooperate with God

c. How Do We Get A Vision?

i. Ask God – “God, what do you want me to do for you?”

Joshua 22:3, NIV – *For a long time now -- to this very day -- you have not deserted your brothers but have carried out the mission the LORD your God gave you.*

1 Samuel 15:20, NIV – *“But I did obey the LORD,” Saul said. “I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. ...”*

- God has a mission for each one of us, that He gives to us in the form of a vision.

ii. Ask others who know you – “What gifts and abilities do you see in my life?”

Romans 12:6, NIV - *We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is ... , let him use it ...*

- Each of us has one or more gifts from God, that are indicators to God’s will for our lives

iii. Ask yourself – “What godly desires to I have in my heart?”

Philippians 2:13, NIV – *For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*

- God gives us godly desires, in order to direct us into His plan for our lives

d. How Do We Fulfill Our Vision?

- Learn how to set goals, and plan strategies to reach those goals
- The power of goal setting: Taking responsibility for your own spiritual life.

2. CLARIFY THE VISION – WRITE IT DOWN – MAKE IT PLAIN

Habbakuk 2:2, NIV – *Then the LORD replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.*

- a. Writing It Down Helps You To Clearly Perceive It
- b. Writing It Down Helps You To Enlist Others To Help You
- c. Writing It Down Helps You To Check On Your Progress

3. EVALUATE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REACH YOUR VISION

Luke 14:28-31, NIV - *Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money [resources] to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able [abilities] with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?*

a. What are the Resource Requirements:

- Money, time, materials, other people

b. What are the Ability Requirements:

- Personal disciplines, skills, training, knowledge

c. What are the Time Requirements:

- When should the vision be accomplished

GOAL PLANNING WORKSHEET

DATE: _____

TITLE FOR VISION, PROJECT, OR MAJOR GOAL: _____

1. Goal Identification: _____

2. Benefits From Reaching This Goal: _____

3. Major Obstacles To Overcome In Reaching This Goal: _____

4. Skills Or Knowledge Required To Reach This Goal: _____

5. Resources Need To Reach This Goal: _____

6. Individuals, Groups, Organizations Or Companies That Can Help In Achieving This Goal: _____

7. Detailed Written Plan Of Action: _____

Target Completion Date: _____

MY GOALS FOR MY PERSONAL LIFE

Spiritual goals:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Emotional goals:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Intellectual goals:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Physical goals:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Social goals:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____