You can change the course of your life. A person who is new to any city they have never been in, and fail to notice a traffic light and a collision takes place. Knowing the stop and go lights in life is the difference between your tears or your triumphs.

As we come to the close of 2016 and step into a new year, I would like to give you some principles for setting successful goals in 2017.

1. Realize the true definition of success.

Don't be fooled by the world into thinking that success is popularity, passions or prestige. True biblical success is the progressive achievement of a God given goal. Mark 3:35, Josh 1:7-8

2. Set defined goals for yourself.

God is a goal setter. He scheduled the birth of the Savior and the return of Christ hundreds of years in advance. Deadlines help you to redeem the time. Eph. 5:16

3.Make your goals balanced and reasonable.

Don't fear the setting of goals because you think "it might not happen". Your goals should stretch your faith and the effort it going to require on your part. But don't make your goals unrealistic. Remember supernatural is made up of two things. You doing the natural and God doing the supper.

4. Recommit yourself to reading a meditating on the Word of God daily.

Josh 1:8 "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

5. Cultivate a teachable spirit.

The willingness to change is not a compromise of principals. Flexibility and an openness to truth is evidence that you will not allowing pride to keep you from change.