

ALIGNING MY CALENDAR WITH MY CONVICTIONS

The HABITS of Success: Part 6

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“LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is.” (Psalm 39:4, NLT)

HOW TO SIFT MY PRIORITIES

1. DETERMINE MY DESTINATION.

“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.” (Ephesians 5:15–17, NLT)

4 questions to ask yourself:

- 1) Who do I want to BE?
- 2) What do I want to DO?
“Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart’s desires. Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you.” (Psalm 37:4–5, NLT)
- 3) What does God want me to BE AND DO?
“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” (Ephesians 2:10, NLT)
- 4) What GOALS will help to get me there?
“I don’t run without a goal. And I don’t box by beating my fists in the air.” (1 Corinthians 9:26, CEV)

SMART GOALS

- **S** PECIFIC
- **M** EASURABLE
- **A** CTIONABLE
- **R** REALISTIC
- **T** IMELY

2. DIRECT MY ACTIVITIES.

“Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should.” (Psalm 90:12, The Living Bible)

How to Calendar my Convictions

- 1) **USE** one!
- 2) Schedule everything that **MATTERS**.
- 3) Focus on **ENERGY** management, not just time management.
- 4) Chop up BHAGs into **BITE-SIZED** activities.
- 5) Review my week **WEEKLY**.
- 6) Check my day **DAILY**.
- 7) Discover the calendar **KILLERS**!

**The Enemy of Effectiveness is
BUSYNESS.**

"I may do anything, but everything is not useful...or constructive." (1 Corinthians 10:23, Ph)

"I said, "...I have used up my strength, but have accomplished nothing." (Isaiah 49:4b, TEV)

3. DEFEAT MY DISTRACTIONS.

"I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible." (1 Corinthians 7:35, NLT)

"But Jesus told him, "Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62, The Living Bible)

How to Defeat Distractions

- Identify them.
 - **LAZINESS**
 - **LEECHES**
 - Lack of routine: Confusing the **URGENT** with the important.
- Neutralize them.
 - Develop the discipline of **WORK**.
 - Create healthy **BOUNDARIES**.
 - Work to only do what only you can do.

"We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence..." (Romans 13:13, The Message)

ACTION STEP:
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