# **GROWING THROUGH GOALS**

# **Greater Reward: Conclusion**

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"And you must love the LORD your God with all your <u>heart</u>, all your <u>soul</u>, all your <u>mind</u>, and all your <u>strength</u>." (Mark 12:30, NLT)

"It's crucial that we keep a firm grip on what we've heard so that we don't drift off." (Hebrews 2:1, The Message)

### WHY I NEED TO SET PERSONAL GOALS

Setting goals...

1. MAKES ME GODLY.

"[God] planned to bring all of history to its **goal in Christ**. Then Christ would be the head of everything in heaven and on earth." (Ephesians 1:10, GW)

2. FOCUSES MY ENERGY.

"No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but <u>I focus on this one thing</u>: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead," (Philippians 3:13, NLT)

3. BUILDS MY CHARACTER.

"I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect. <u>I keep</u> <u>striving</u> to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself." (Philippians 3:12, GNB)

## WHAT GODLY GOALS DO

Godly goals...

1. PLEASE GOD.

"So we make it our goal to please him..." (2 Corinthians 5:9, NIV)

"And it is impossible to please God without faith." (Hebrews 11:6a, NLT)

2. FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSES FOR MY LIFE.

- "...give yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life, and surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes." (Romans 6:13, GNB)
- "So <u>I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step</u>. I fight to win. I'm not just...playing around." (1 Corinthians 9:26, The Living Bible)
- 3. ARE ACHIEVED WITH GOD'S **POWER**.
  - "We plan the way we want to live, but only God makes us able to live it." (Proverbs 16:9, The Message)
  - "...'You will not succeed by your own strength or by your own power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord All-Powerful." (Zechariah 4:6, NCV)

#### **ACTION STEP:**

**Life Development Plan** 

### **LAST THOUGHT**

People who aim at nothing, **ACHIEVE IT EVERY TIME**.