

DRAFT A PLAN FOR MY PRIORITIES

Design Your Best Life: Part 3

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"What strength do I have /left/ that I can go on hoping? WHAT GOAL DO I HAVE that I would want to prolong my life?" (Job 6:11, GW)

"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. FORMS MY CHARACTER.

"Our goal is to measure up to God's plan for us..." (2 Corinthians 10:13, The Living Bible)

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

2. FOCUSES MY ENERGY.

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:12–14, NIV)

3. FORGES MY FAITH.

"God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13, CEB)

"And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." (Hebrews 11:6, NLT)

WHAT I WILL NEED

1. I WILL NEED GOD'S SPIRIT TO EMPOWER ME.

"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)

2. I WILL NEED GOOD MODELS TO INSPIRE ME.

"Remember your leaders, who spoke God's word to you. Look carefully at how their lives reached their goal, and imitate their faith." (Hebrews 13:7, The New Testament for Everyone: A Fresh Translation)

3. I WILL NEED GOD'S PEOPLE TO SUPPORT ME.

"Stick with me, friends. Keep track of those you see running this same course, headed for this same goal." (Philippians 3:17, MSG)

4. I WILL NEED A PLAN TO DIRECT ME.

"[God's] goal was to carry out his plan, when the right time came, that all things in heaven and on earth would be joined together in Christ as the head." (Ephesians 1:10, NCV)

ACTION STEP:

Create Your 12-Month Life Development Plan

LAST THOUGHT

People who aim at nothing, ACHIEVE IT EVERY TIME.

"So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I fight to win. I'm not just...playing around." (1 Corinthians 9:26, The Living Bible)