

# CHANGING MY FUTURE

## GAME PLAN: Part 3

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*“God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! (Ephesians 3:20, The Message)*

### WHAT PERSONAL GOALS CAN DO FOR ME

#### 1. MAKE 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. FOCUS MY ENERGY

*“So I do not run without a goal. I fight like a boxer who is hitting something—not just the air.” (1 Corinthians 9:26, NCV)*

*“Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.”  
(Ephesians 5:16, NLT)*

#### 3. STRETCH MY FAITH

*“According to your faith will it be done to you” (Matthew 9:29, NIV84)*

*“Everything that does not come from faith is sin.” (Romans 14:23, NIV84)*

#### 4. BUILD MY CHARACTER

*“I do not mean that I am already as God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal, but I continue trying to reach it and to make it mine.*

*Christ wants me to do that, which is the reason he made me his.”*

*(Philippians 3:12, NCV)*

*“This will continue until we are united by our faith and by our understanding of the Son of God. Then we will be mature, just as Christ is, and we will be completely like him.” (Ephesians 4:13, CEV)*

**5. GIVE ME HOPE**

*“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)*

*“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.” (Jeremiah 29:11, TNIV)*

**WHAT KIND OF GOALS RECEIVE GOD’S SUPPORT?**

**1. GOALS THAT BRING HONOR TO GOD**

*“When you eat or drink or do anything else, always do it to honor God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31, CEV)*

*“So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.” (2 Corinthians 5:9, NIV)*

**2. GOALS THAT ARE MOTIVATED BY LOVE**

*“Let all that you do be done in love.” (1 Corinthians 16:14, NRSV)*

*“Let love be your highest goal! (1 Corinthians 14:1, NLT)*

**3. GOALS THAT FULFILL GOD’S PURPOSES FOR MY LIFE**

*“Nor must you surrender any part of yourselves to sin to be used for wicked purposes. Instead, 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, TEV)*

*“So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step.” (1 Corinthians 9:26, The Living Bible)*

#### **4. GOALS THAT 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)*

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” (Proverbs 3:5–6, NLT)*

**ACTION STEP**  
**LIFE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**