Keeping The End In Sight Part Two - Hope Deferred

Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life.

• To hope is to keep the end in sight.

Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the substance of things hoped for...

Romans 10:10

...with the heart man believes...

How to Keep the End in Sight

Psalm 1:1-3

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. 2 But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. 3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

1. Avoid people who don't believe in your dream.

2. Hold on to your dream.

3. Allow your dream to govern your actions.

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.

4. Delight and meditate on your dream.

Habakkuk 2:2

And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

• Keeping the end in sight will result in dreams fulfilled.

1. They make us fruitful.

John 15:8

When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

2. They preserve us.

Joshua 14:10-12

"Now, as you can see, the LORD has kept me alive and well as he promised for all these forty-five years since Moses made this promise - even while Israel wandered in the wilderness. Today I am eighty-five years old. 11 I am as strong now as I was when Moses sent me on that journey, and I can still travel and fight as well as I could then. 12 So give me this mountain!"

3. They make us prosper.

Jeremiah 29:11

"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."