

Keeping The End In Sight Part One - Goal Setting

- **We serve a goal setting God.**

Hebrews 12:2

We must focus on Jesus, the source and goal of our faith. He saw the joy ahead of him, so he endured death on the cross and ignored the disgrace it brought him. Then he received the highest position in heaven, the one next to the throne of God.

Things To Know About Goals

- 1. We must get our goals from God.**

Jeremiah 29:10-11

“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.”

- 2. We must begin to see our goals as more than personal whims.**

Psalms 37:4

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 33:10-11

The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

- 3. We must become resolute about our goals.**

Isaiah 50:6-7

I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

- 4. We must understand that, without a goal, we're going nowhere!**

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.

- 5. Our greatest goals must be spiritual.**

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Romans 14:17-18

...for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

6. Begin to take steps toward those goals.

Proverbs 14:15

A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps.

7. We should find someone to be accountable to concerning our goals.

Proverbs 15:22

Plans fail for lack of counsel but with many advisers they succeed.

• **Our goal-setting God kept the end in sight and so should we.**

1 Corinthians 3:13-15

But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. 14 If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. 15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.