



SETTING CHRIST-CENTERED GOALS

Keys to Setting and Achieving Goals that Honor God

You have not because you ask not. James 4:2

- **Alignment:** *Does the goal agree with the goals and vision of God?*
- **Attune:** *What is the Holy Spirit saying? Desire goals that please and honor God. We must seek God's direction/guidance. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's input and inspiration.*
- **Aim:** *How can we be consistent in our effort to reach the goal and be focused on achieving it, with God's help?*
- **Attitude:** *Cultivate a positive attitude and believe that we can do all things through Christ.*
- **Asking:** *Ask God to empower you to carry out His will.*
- **Action:** *Take action steps and do it!*
- **Accountability:** *Have an accountability partner to help you stay focused on the goal.*

4 Steps to Setting Christ - Centered Goals- Mark Batterson, *The Circle Maker*

You are blessed if you do the will of God. John 13:17

1. Always start with prayer.

This is the best way to jump-start the goal-setting process. When you set goals in the context of prayer, the likelihood is greater that your goals will glorify God and be in alignment with HIS vision/plan for you.

2. Check your Motives.

Take a long honest look at the goal you are setting to see if this goal is set for the right reasons. Is this a selfish goal? Does it honor God and align with Scripture?

3. Listening Prayer

Include the Listening Prayer process to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying. What is His vision for you? What is the purpose He has called you to? Is the goal-setting in alignment with this?

4. Be specific.

A goal needs to be specific in order to measure it or to know when we have accomplished it. For example, losing weight isn't a goal if we don't have a target weight and a timetable.