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What does the Bible say about setting goals?

Answer: The Bible offers a balanced approach to setting goals that includes making plans but doing so with wisdom and humility. Jesus' illustration of building a tower implies that it is a good thing to have set goals.

(Luke 14:28) ²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?

To live with no motivation or planning is not God's desire or will for us. How do I know that?

(Proverbs 6:6–11)

- ⁶Go to the ant, you sluggard;
consider its ways and be wise!
⁷It has no commander,
no overseer or ruler,
⁸yet it stores its provisions in summer
and gathers its food at harvest.
⁹How long will you lie there, you sluggard?
When will you get up from your sleep?
¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber,

a little folding of the hands to rest—
¹¹and poverty will come on you like a thief
and scarcity like an armed man.

- Laziness causes a person to neglect work and miss the window of opportunity. Summer is the preparation time for winter, and we must not waste it away. Failure to plan ahead will result in “poverty” and “want.”

1. What is a goal? **Purpose, Target, or intent**
2. What are some different goals you set in your life? **Spiritual, financial, mental**
3. Who set the goals in your life? **You**
 - Start setting goals for yourself.
 - Where do you want to see yourself a year from now?
4. What is the purpose of goals?
 - To grow.
 - Goals gives you a target to aim at and a compass to measure your direction.
5. Are all the goals you set attainable? **No. Why?**
 - Because we set Goals to high.
6. What percentage of people set goals? **3%**
7. What percentage of people do not set goals? **97%**
8. By failing to prepare, what are we doing? **Preparing to fail**
9. Goal setters earn ten times more than other people. **(Those who have clear written goals)**
 - Wisely setting goals leads to better results: “The plans of the diligent lead to profit” **(Proverbs 21:5).**

(Habakkuk 2:2-3) Write the Vision and make it plain.

²Then the Lord replied:
“Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.
³For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.

Though it lingers, wait for it;
it will certainly come
and will not delay.

10. What happen in our life without goals? **Nothing**

11. What is the goal of a sports team? **To win**

12. How do they win?

- They plan the whole game out in detail.

13. What does the Bible say about Goal setting?

- The Bible offers a balanced approach to setting goals, but with wisdom.

(Luke 14:28) Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?

(Proverbs 21:5) Good planning and hard work leads to prosperity.

14. Should we pursue our personal Goals in life or God's will?

- We cannot expect God to bless our goals if they are not in alignment to his will.

15. Should our goals be set based on God's will?

16. What role do your eye play in your goals? **(Phil 3:12-20)**

17. What is one thing we need to make sure about our goals? **They please God.**

(James 4:13-16)¹³Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money. ¹⁴Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.

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The Bible teaches against **two extremes**: **never setting goals and setting goals with no thought of God**. The balance is found in **(James 4:15)**: Instead you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" It is good to make plans, as long as we leave room for God to change our plans. His goals take precedence over ours.

Conclusion:

[\(Proverb 16:9\)](#) says, in his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. In other words, we have our ideas and make our plans, but God will ultimately accomplish His sovereign desires. Do our goals make room for the unexpected? Do we love God's will more than our own?

We can take comfort in the words of Jesus: Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself [\(Matthew 6:33-34\)](#). If our plans/goals focus on Christ and honoring Him, He will see to it that the best result are ours.