

Getting Back To The Dreams Abba Gave You

I want to encourage you to actively start pursuing God's plans and purposes for your life. We are not here by accident but by purpose for a time such as this. I want you to learn a valuable lesson from my own mistakes.

In an experience with Jesus, I was shown that whatever I am trying to build that does not align with His plan and purpose, I am building in vain.

He showed me in the spirit that what I had thought would be a huge structure by now, was only a very low level wall. I was dismayed and shocked. I want to help you to focus on what is important and not build in vain and waste years or months of time that could have yielded fruit already. What He said to me was that whenever I went off the blueprint, I stopped building what was supposed to be the vision and what I was building in the spirit ceased as well. Remember, God has a timeline for us, but so does the enemy, and he will get you onto a counterfeit timeline so that you never achieve the vision. He will waste your time with things that look and feel good, even if it is the ministry or helping others. This is sad, as then we cease in our specific assignment of building the Kingdom of God. Do not do anything that will distract you from the vision, even if it looks good; always ask God if you are still on track. This is why you need specific goals with a time frame so that you are not tempted to get side-tracked. This verse from the Passion Translation accurately explains what I learned:

Luke 14:28-30 TPT

So don't follow Me without considering what it will cost you. For who would construct a house before first sitting down to estimate the cost to complete it? Otherwise he may lay the foundation and not be able to finish. The neighbours will ridicule him, saying, 'Look at him! He started to build but couldn't complete it!'

We all have a purpose that works in conjunction with others and aligns with God's plan for all creation. We need to have a clear picture, set clear goals, and stay the course. Jesus told me to put systems and processes in place so that I could stay focused on the vision He had given me. When we follow the dictates of our own hearts, we will not bear abundant fruit. We need to partner with our Creator to create what He has purposed. We have to pull it down from heaven to earth by our actions and our faith.

I pray that the simple tools below will help you get focused again and actively seek God for your life. If you have laid that dream down, pick it up again. If you have been distracted, get

back to the original blueprint. Live life abundantly in the Spirit. Do not be a slave to this world or the world's idea of success, and do not let the enemy distract you from the vision.

Keys from the Bible for setting goals



Faith – Our God can do the impossible. Have faith in Him to achieve the vision.

Humility – Let us be humble before our God. His will be done and not our demands.

Commitment – Achieving anything requires a commitment to the process.

Diligence – Goals will not be achieved without being diligent and focused on the task.

Perseverance – Nothing is ever achieved overnight. You will have to persevere to achieve the end goal.

God's will – We often don't receive because we ask amiss. We must be in line with His will and His Word.

Planning – Nothing can be planned without thinking about it first. Plan with the Lord for the vision, and remember to count the cost.

Motivation—What is the goal, and why do we want to achieve it? What is our motive? Ask those questions to make sure your intentions are not for selfish gain but for the Kingdom. Yes, and along the way, you will also see reward!!

Goal Setting

1. What is the dream/vision/goal you want to achieve?

What has Abba Father put in your heart? Ask Him to help you make it something that can be seen and touched. Ask Him to give you the perfect blueprint as you set your goals. These steps can also be used for any other goals you might want to achieve in any other area of your life, e.g., saving, career growth, personal growth, health, spending more time in the word, prayer, etc.

2. Decide exactly what you want.

Clear specific goals for achieving your dream/vision to follow every day. Write them down—make them measurable. Attach a number to them so someone else can tell you how close you are to achieving them. It can be a financial number or a number linked to the time you want to achieve them.

Successful people put a measure on every goal and activity. You cannot hit a target you cannot see.

3. Set a deadline.

Decide when you want to achieve that goal. Long-term goals can be broken down into years, months, weeks and days. Discipline yourself to complete one or more of those activities every day. Set a new deadline if you don't achieve it.

4. Think on paper - list all you can think of to achieve it.

Make a list of everything you can think of that you can possibly do to achieve it. As you think of new things you can do or learn or others you can talk to, write them down on the list. Make it a priority to do what you need to in order to achieve it. Challenge yourself out of your comfort zone and even learn some new skills to help you on your journey.

Make a checklist ordering the tasks. Start with what you have to do first to achieve your goal. You may have heard of the **80 / 20 rule: 80% of your success will be determined by 20% of the things you do.**

5. Become action-orientated.

Do something every day that moves you toward your most important goal. Seven days a week, 365 days a year, do something small or large toward your goal.

The Law of Inertia states that it takes an enormous amount of energy to get a body into motion, but it takes less energy to keep that body moving forward.

Haven't we often seen this when setting up a daily exercise program? It is hard initially, but the more we do it, the easier it becomes. It becomes muscle memory. If we focus on our goals daily, it will become muscle memory.

Goal Setting Exercise¹

1. Get a clean sheet of paper and write "Goals" and the date.
2. Write ten goals to accomplish in the next 12 months—one-day goals, one-week goals, six-month goals, and one-plus-year goals.
3. Write them in a special way. 3 P's. They must be Personal - Positive - Present Tense. Our subconscious responds well to positive commands.² It responds well and relates to the present tense - you state it as if it is already done. For example, one of my goals is stated like this: "I will have a website for Lions Arise and Women of Inspiration with resources and a product store by April 2024". Side note - see our new logo. One of the steps toward the website was achieved. ;). I had to revise this goal as it did not happen as planned by the

¹ Master Your Time, Master Your Life - Brian Tracy

² That is also what when we do declarations they are present tense as if they have already been achieved. The Word of God also speaks in present tense when it is speaking things of the Spirit and of the Kingdom. It is not something we going to have, we already have it in Christ.

date I wanted it done first. However, I kept working consistently toward it despite setbacks and delays and I have achieved that goal.

4. If you could achieve one goal on your list within 24 hours, which one goal would have the greatest positive impact on your life?

Ladies, this will inspire you and provide some guidelines for living your life with purpose and identity. Whenever we achieve something, it makes us feel good—this also boosts our confidence and brings us out of a place where we may feel defeated, helpless, or powerless. But we can take action to regain what we have lost by partnering with the Holy Spirit, working toward our purpose, and living in our identity in Christ, which is ours through inheritance in Him.

If you are still unclear about God's plan for your life, spend more time with Him, ask Him as your Abba Father for guidelines, and write down what He tells you. Fast if you need to, but be intentional about seeking Him for His desire for you.

Verses For Goal Setting



2 Chronicles 15:7 “But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.”

Psalms 20:4 “May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”

Psalms 33:11 “But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.”

Psalms 37:4-5 “Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him”

Psalms 118:8 “It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.”

Psalms 127:1 “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”

Proverbs 3:6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and He will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 16:3 “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.”

Proverbs 16:9 “In their hearts man plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.”

Proverbs 21:5 “The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.”

Jeremiah 17:7 “But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.”

Habakkuk 2:2-3 “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that whoever reads it may run with it.”

Declarations for achieving the vision

Job 22:28 “You will also decree a thing and it will be established for you; and light will shine on your ways”.

These are some of the scriptures I have put together for myself to stand on for my vision to be achieved. You do not have to declare all these scriptures every day. You can choose what you want to stand on to achieve your dream or vision. You can also use your own scriptures as the Lord leads you.

Standing for the vision

I have access to all spiritual blessings in heavenly places through Jesus Christ **Ephesians 1:3**

I will seek the Lord at all times and in every situation! **Jeremiah 33:3**.

I will not be shaken, I will not be envious, and I will not lose hope. Because all of my trust is in You, my God! **Psalms 37**.

I will remember the Lord my God, for it is He who gives me the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant to me and my generations. **Deuteronomy 8:18**.

My God strengthens me and helps me to fulfil His dreams for me **Isaiah 41:10**.

I know that He who has begun a good work in me will complete it **Philippians 1:6**.

I don't have to be anxious for anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, I can let my requests be made known to God and He will answer me **Philippians 4:6**.

There is nothing too hard for My God; therefore, the vision is achievable! **Jeremiah 32:27**.

My God is able to do immeasurably more than all I ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within me **Ephesians 3:20**.

No weapon formed against me shall prosper **Isaiah 54:17**.

Every tongue that speaks against me in judgment shall be condemned **Isaiah 54:17**.

I live under God's supernatural protection **Psalms 91:1-2**.

God has great plans for me and I am filled with hope for a great future **Jeremiah 29:11**.

I will trust in the Lord with all my heart and not lean on my own understanding. In all my ways I will acknowledge Him, and He will make straight my paths. **Proverbs 3:5-6**.

Standing for provision

The Lord my God, has given me the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, with me and my generations to come. **Deuteronomy 8:18**

I give and I receive a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over **Luke 6:38**.

I am a lender and not a borrower **Deuteronomy 28:12**.

The birds of the air do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet You heavenly Father feed them. I am of more value than they; You will take care of me **Matthew 6:26**.

Standing for focus on the vision

I submit to the Lord, resist the devil, and he flees from me. I stay focused on the end goal.

James 4:7.

The weapons of my warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, I will bring into captivity all to the obedience of Christ **2 Cor 10:4- 5**. I will not let the enemy distract me or play with my mind.

With the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in me, I will guard the minutes and hours You have given me, Lord. Thank you for the self-discipline that comes through the fruit of the Spirit. Thank You, Lord, that You are outside of time, and I ask that You do more with my minutes and hours than I alone can.

I will not be without self-control; my city will be built with strong walls **Proverbs 25:28**.

For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed **Isaiah 50:7**.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things, there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Enduring in the work of achieving the vision

*And whatever I do, in word or deed, I will do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. **Colossians 3:17***

*The favour of the Lord our God be upon me, and He will establish the work of my hands! **Psalms 90:17***

In all things, God works for the good of me who loves Him; I have been called according to His purpose **Romans 8:28**.

I work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men **Colossians 3:23**

I commit my work to the Lord, and therefore my plans will be established. **Proverbs 16:3**

I do not have a slack hand that causes poverty, but I have the hand of the diligent who makes me rich. **Proverbs 10:4**

I will work the land God has given me, and I will have plenty; I will not follow worthless pursuits but trust in God for His plans. **Proverbs 12:11**.

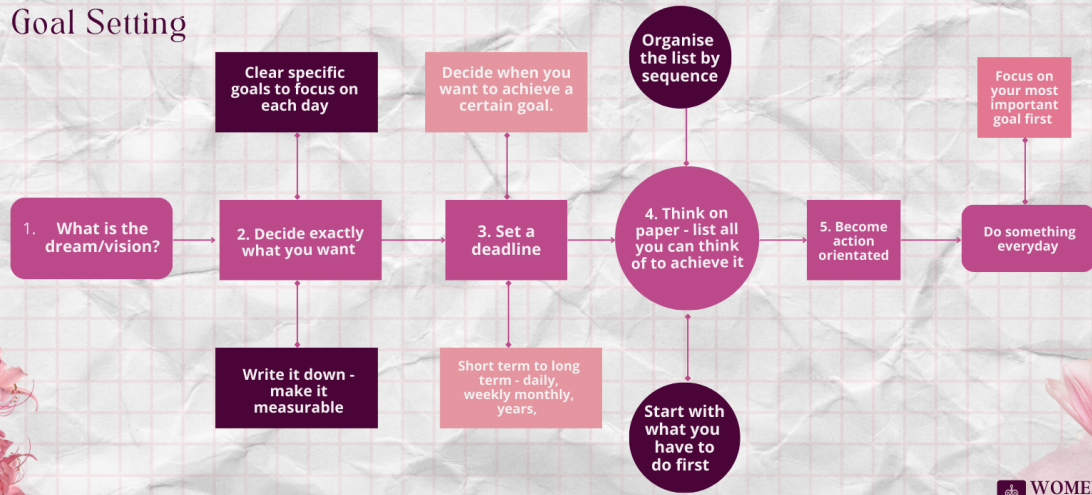
I have the soul of the diligent, and I am richly supplied. **Proverbs 13:4**.

My labour in the Lord is not in vain **1 Corinthians 15:58**.

Thank you, Lord, that You are not unjust so as to overlook my work and the love that I have shown for Your name in serving the saints. **Hebrews 6:10**

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