

# Trusting God for My Future

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

## God Blesses Goal-Setting Because...

### 1. It Reflects His Nature

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.* Genesis 1:1, 3 (NKJV)

*[Paul] I know that I am not yet what God wants me to be. I haven't reached that goal, but I keep moving toward it to make it mine because Christ made me and saved me for this. I know that I haven't yet reached my goal, but there's one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, I keep my eyes focused on the goal so that I may one day win the prize that God has called me to receive through Christ in the life above. All of you who are spiritually mature should think this same way, too...* Philippians 3:12-15

### 2. It Requires Faith

*According to your faith will it be done to you.* Matthew 9:29

### 3. It Promotes Doing Over Drifting

*...I do not run without a goal. I fight like a boxer who is hitting something—not just the air.* 1 Corinthians 9:26 (NCV)

### 4. It Develops My Character

*[Job] I do not have the strength to endure. I do not have a goal that encourages me to carry on.* Job 6:11 (NLT)

*I do not mean that I am already as God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal, but I continue trying to reach it and to make it mine. Christ wants me to do that, which is the reason he made me his...I know that I have not yet reached*

*that goal, but there is one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize for which God called me through Christ to the life above. All of us who are spiritually mature should think this way, too...* Philippians 3:12-15 (NCV)

*All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step.*

1 Corinthians 9:25-26a (NLT)

## Goals for Transformation...

### 1. That I will establish God-honoring goals

*When you eat or drink or do anything, always do it to honor God.* 1 Corinthians 10:31 (CEV)

*We make it our goal to please him...* 2 Corinthians 5:9 (NIV)

### 2. That my highest goal will be love

*Everything you do must be done with love.* 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NLT)

*Let love be your highest goal.* 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)

### 3. That my goals will require great faith

*A person may plan his own journey, but the LORD directs his steps.* Proverbs 16:9 (GW)

*"You will not succeed by your own strength or power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord.* Zechariah 4:6 (NCV)

*Do not let this Book of the Law (Bible) depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.* Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

*By yourself you're unprotected. But with a friend you can face the worst. And a group of three is even better because a rope braided with three strands is not easily snapped!*

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (MSG)