

## GODLY GOALS “Run Straight to the Goal” Part 1

Paul: ***“I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step.”*** 1 Cor. 9:26

*“The godly are showered with blessings by God.”* Pr. 10:6 (NLT)

### WHY YOU NEED TO SET GOALS BECAUSE: They change us in 4 ways

1. **GODLY GOALS GIVE ME HOPE**  
*“I do not have the strength to endure. I do not have a goal that encourages me to carry on.”* Job 6:11 (NLT)
  
2. **GODLY GOALS FOCUS MY ENERGY AND MY LIFE**  
*“I do not run without a goal. I fight like a boxer who is hitting something—not just the air.”* 1 Cor. 9:26 (NCV)
  
3. **GODLY GOALS STRETCH MY FAITH**  
*“According to your faith will it be done to you.”* Matt. 9:29 (NIV)  
*“Without faith it is impossible to please God...”* Heb. 11:6 (NIV)  
*“Everything that does not come from faith is sin.”* Rom. 14:23 (NIV)
  
4. **GODLY GOALS BUILD MY CHARACTER**  
*“If your goals are good, you will be respected, but if you are looking for trouble, that is what you will get.”* Pr. 11:27 (TEV)  
  
*“The conduct of the wicked is abhorrent to God but He loves the person whose goal is uprightness.”* Pr. 15:9 (NJB)

### WHAT MAKES GOALS GODLY?

1. **THEY'RE BASED ON GOD'S PLAN FOR ME**
  - In a race you don't get to set the finish line
  - The only way to complete a race is one step at a timePaul: ***“I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step.”*** 1 Cor. 9:26 (NLT)

Jesus: *“... the Father is the goal and purpose of my life.”* John 14:28 (Mes)

*“Our goal is to stay within the boundaries of God's plan for us.”* 2 Cor. 10:13 (NLT)  
Paul *“I am in prison because I belong to the Lord, and God also called you to be His people, so I urge you to live the life to which God called you.”* Eph. 4:1 (NCV)

## 2. **THEY AIM TO BRING GLORY TO GOD**

*“Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*

1 Cor. 10:31 (NIV)

**How?** Two ways. You’ve got to have the **right attitude** and you’ve got to have the **right motivation** in what you’re doing.

## 3. **THEY ARE MOTIVATED BY LOVE!**

*“Let love be your highest goal.”* 1 Cor. 14:1 (NLT)

*“Because of the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, I count everything else as loss... so that I may come to know Him and the power of His resurrection, and partake of His sufferings... striving towards the goal of resurrection from the dead.”*

Phil. 3:8-11 (NJB)

- Love for JESUS
- Love for PEOPLE

*“No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us and, God’s love has reached its goal.”* 1 John 4:12 (ICB)

No self-help book can give you the power to do the things you want to do to change your life. That’s why the fourth characteristic of godly goals is...

## 4. **THEY ARE ATTAINED BY GOD’S POWER!**

*“Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?”* Gal. 3:3 (NIV)

*“We plan the way we want to live, but only God makes us able to live it.”*

Prov. 16:9 (Mes)

*“You do not even know what will happen tomorrow.... So you ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.’”* James 4:15 (NIV)

*“You will not succeed by your own strength or power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord.”*

Zech. 4:6 (NCV)

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will direct your paths.”* Pr. 3:5-6 (NLT)