

MANAGING YOUR LIFE BY GOALS

I. The Importance of Goals

1. Everything you do is directed towards a goal.
2. When you fail to establish godly goals, your goals remain ungodly.
3. Goals that are clearly established can increase commitment to God.
4. Clear goals can free you from pressure and guilt.
5. Clear goals provide a basis for clear decision-making and time management.

II. Two Types of Goals

1. Desirable goals

- * general in nature
- * character quality or skill
- * for yourself and/or others

2. Strategies or project goals

- * designed to accomplish desirable goals
- * only for those things that are 100% within your control
- * measurable with a time limit

III. The Goals of a Leader (Priorities that require attention)

Desirable Goals

1. Competent at worship & prayer
2. Biblical Thinking
3. Skillful at handling the Word
4. Skillful at discipleship & encouragement
5. Competent to share Christ
6. Excellence in . . .

- a. Personal relationships
- b. Temple conditioning
- c. Stewardship
- d. "Gift" cultivation

Strategies

Desirable Goals

Strategies

IV. The Danger of Goals

1. Setting them too high
2. Projecting too far in the future
3. Taking on too many at one time
4. Setting strategies (project goals) for things beyond your control
5. Connecting good projects/strategies to hidden ungodly goals.