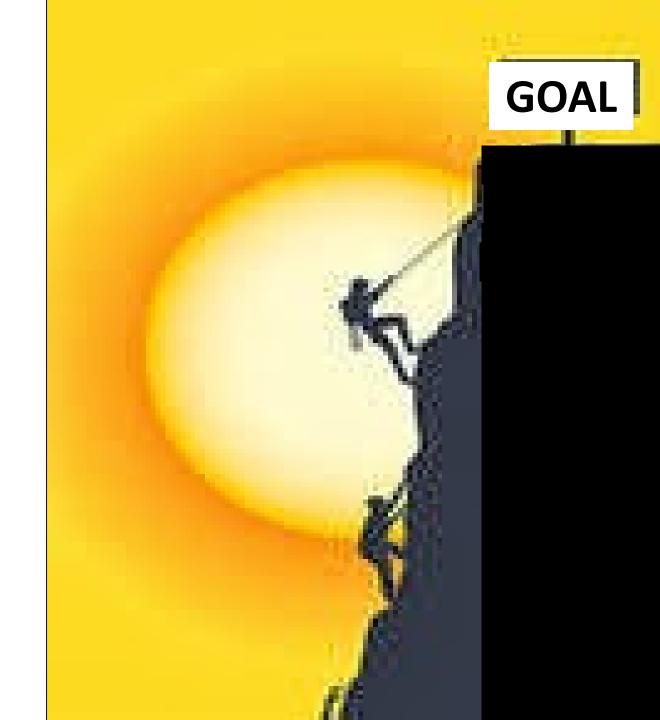
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#### **Proverbs 29:18**

Where there is no vision, the people perish

## 1. Goals are a Spiritual Responsibility

#### **Philippians 3:12-13**

**12** Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

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#### **Philippians 3:14-15**

# 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Therefore let us, <u>as many as are</u> mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

## 2. Goals are a Statement of Faith

#### **Ephesians 3:20**

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us

### "Let the Size of your God determine the size of your Goal"

#### Matthew 9:29

According to your faith will it be done to you

## 3. Goals Focus My Energy

#### 1 Corinthians 9:26

I therefore so run, **not uncertainly**; so fight I, not as one that beats the air

## 4. Goals Keep Me Going

#### Job 6:11

What is my strength, that I should hope? And what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?



#### Louis Zamperini

"I'd made it this far and refused to give up because all my life I had always finished the race."

"All I want to tell young people is that you're not going to be anything in life unless you learn to commit to a goal. You have to reach deep within yourself to see if you are willing to make the sacrifices."

### 5. Goals Build My Character

#### **Philippians 2:13**

For it is Christ Who works in you both to will and do of His good pleasure

### 6. Good Goals Will Be Rewarded

#### 1 Corinthians 9:26

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

### What Questions Should I Ask Before Setting Goals?

#### 1. Will this Goal Honor God?

1 Corinthians 6:20 "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

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#### 2. Is this goal motivated by love?

1 Corinthians 14:1 "Let love be your highest goal"

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### 3. Will your goal require depending on God?

Proverbs 16:9 "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps."

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