

We're good at setting goals, but we tend to focus on ourselves.

- What do I want to learn...
- What can I do to improve my life ...
- What do I want to accomplish?

Only rarely do we think about our goals in terms of the greater picture: eternity. Godly goals look at what God wants for our lives. Godly goals look to God and ask Him to guide our path by His Word and His Spirit.

Why is Spiritual Goal Setting So Important?

Because of sin, human beings are naturally selfish. We think easily about our desires, our wants, our needs, our goals. We don't like to think about what other people want or need.

But when we choose to set godly goals, we think about Christ and what He wants us to do. We think about our goals in relation to fulfilling our purpose, being a man or woman of God, and using our gifts to help others.

Christianity is about Christ and service to Him. It's about witnessing to others about the awesome God we serve. It's about worship and drawing other people out of the darkness and into God's marvelous light.

What Should My Spiritual Goals Be?

So, maybe you're wondering what kind of spiritual goals you should have. Are there goals every Christian should try to meet? While you're waiting for the service to start read Psalm 101 and think about what David's goals were.



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What are Spiritual Goals?

Spiritual goals draw us closer to God. They are objectives we set to improve our relationship with Him. e.g.

- Know God
- Know yourself
- Run with endurance

Spiritual goals teach us more about the God we serve and who we are in relation to Him. They give us the tools—and the strength—we need to accomplish the unique tasks God assigns to us.





Heart Song

Godly Goals

(Philippians 3:10) that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Psalm 101 gives us 6 godly goals:

1. To _____ God, verse 1

2. To be a person of _____, verse 2

(Psalms 101:2) I will give attention to the way of integrity. When will you come to me? I will walk in the integrity of my heart in the midst of my house. [LEB]

(Psalms 101:2) I will be careful to live a blameless life. When will you come to me? I will walk within my house with a blameless heart. [WEB]

(1 Timothy 3:2) A bishop then must be blameless, ...;

(1 Timothy 3:10) ... let them serve as deacons, being found blameless.

(1 Thessalonians 5:23) Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(2 Peter 3:14) Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;



3. To hate _____, verse 3

(Psalms 45:6-7) Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. (Psalms 45:7) *You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.*

(Romans 1:28-31) Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting; (Romans 1:29) being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil habits, secret slanderers, (Romans 1:30) backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, (Romans 1:31) without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, unforgiving, unmerciful;

(Romans 1:32) who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.



4. To have a _____ heart, verse 4

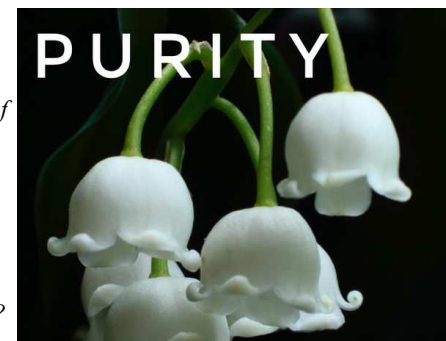
(Matthew 5:8) Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

(James 4:8) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

(1 Peter 1:22) Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

(Proverbs 22:11) He who loves purity of heart And has grace on his lips, The king will be his friend.

(Hebrews 9:14) how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?



5. To _____ what God _____, verses 5, 7-8

(Mark 8:38) For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

(1 Corinthians 6:9-10) Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, (1 Corinthians 6:10) nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

(Galatians 5:19-21) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, (Galatians 5:20) idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, (Galatians 5:21) envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

(Revelation 21:8) But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

(John 3:16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

(1 Timothy 2:1-4) Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ... (1 Timothy 2:3) For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, (1 Timothy 2:4) who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

(John 12:32) And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

(Luke 13:34) "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, ... How often I wanted to gather your children together, ... but you were not willing!

(Romans 1:21-24) because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, ... (Romans 1:24) Therefore God also gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, ...

(Psalms 5:5) .. You hate all workers of iniquity.

(Psalms 11:5) .. the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.

6. To have godly _____, verse 6