

The Purple Corner

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Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that 2010 is over and here we are embarking on a brand new year, 2011. Wow, how time seems to fly.

Are you like most people in setting goals for yourself at this time of year but soon forgetting to do anything more than that? When we look at the lives of biblical characters whose lives were successful, what do we learn from them?

First, we see that biblical guidelines determined their goals. It does not matter whether the goal is for some personal aspect of your family life, something you plan to do at your place of employment or something you plan to do in serving at your church. I Cor.10:31 reminds us that [whatever we do, do it all to the glory of God.](#)

Second, whatever the goal, it should be consistent with the word of God. 2 Timothy 3:14-17. When we look at our goals and put them beside the written word of God, do they align with his word? If they do, it is a good sign that we are on the right track. However, if any part of our plan does not align with his word, it would be to our benefit to readjust our thinking with his. How do we do this? Philippians 2:5 states that we should [be like-minded with Jesus Christ.](#) He did nothing on his own but sought wise counsel from the Father by doing only that which he saw the Father do.

The key to succeeding in your goals is to follow certain steps.

Step One: You must first ask for directions from God (Proverbs 3: 5, 6) [Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct your paths.](#)

Step Two: Establish objectives for what is to be done (Ps.37:23).

Step Three: Schedule when you are going to do what God has put in your heart to do and budget your time to get it done.

Step Four: Trust and obey.

Obedience to God is the key to godly success. Whatever God has laid on your heart to do, commit it to him and you will see just how faithful he is in all he promises (Prov.16:3).

What has he entrusted you to do for the Kingdom? Will you trust him to bring it to pass?

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