**Goals**

**My brethren, I do not consider that I have reached the goal;   
but this one thing I do know,**

**forgetting those things which are behind,   
I strive for those things which are before me;  
I press toward the goal to receive the prize of victory   
of God's highest calling through Jesus Christ.   
*(Philippians 3:13-14)***

**In the absence of clearly defined goals, we become strangely loyal to performing daily trivia until ultimately we become enslaved by it. *(Robert Heinlein, novelist)***

**To achieve our ultimate goals is not happiness; it is to be able to solve our problems along the way. (Bits & Pieces)**

**Successful people have clearly established the goals they desired to reach and have followed some intelligent plan toward the attainment of those goals. *(Charles Allen, in Roads to Radiant Living)***

**The American people can have anything they want; the trouble is, they don't know what they want. *(Eugene V. Debs)***

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**If you don’t set goals, you can’t regret not reaching them. *(Yogi Berra)***

**You've got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there. *(Yogi Berra, baseball catcher)***

**If you don’t know where you’re going, you’ll end up someplace else. *(Yogi Berra, in Kiplinger’s magazine)***

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**What are you going to be when you grow up? I've seen mothers lean over a crib and hold a hand no bigger than an Alka-Seltzer tablet and ask the question. I've seen grandmothers ask it of a child who could walk under a coffee table without hitting his head. I've seen teachers pose the question to children who can't color inside the lines. Wouldn't it be great if “growing up" and “being something" occurred on the same day. My children's ambitions read like the Yellow Pages. One wanted to be a doctor until he discovered you have to wash up to the elbows. One wanted to be the Pope until he figured out you have to work Sundays. Another wanted to be a real-estate man so he could play on steps all day. We act as if we are on a timetable. The day after graduation we roll out of bed and say, “Well, here I am all grown up and a physicist right on schedule." But maturity is a time when you begin to know yourself. Who you are, what you are, and what you can be. The other day I heard a visitor say to our college son, “What are you going to be when you grow up?" “With a lot of luck -- old," he said. He's getting there. *(Erma Bombeck)***

**Man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for? *(Robert Browning)***

**Good week for: Crossing one off, after a Florida woman explained that she robbed a bank because bank robbery was on her “bucket list.” “I think everyone should have a list of things they want to do before they expire,” said Patricia Edwards, 51, from jail. *(The Week magazine, April 9, 2010)***

**If you set your goals ridiculously high and it’s a failure, you will fail above everyone else’s success. *(James Cameron, director)***

**Boss to job applicant: “Any other career goals, besides ‘raking it in’?” *(M. Twohy, in The Cockle Bur)***

**Diligence is the mother of good fortune, and idleness, its opposite, never brought a man to the goal of any of his best wishes. *(Miguel de Cervantes)***

**The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul. *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**Clearly imagine that you already have what you hope for, that you have reached your goals. What does your life look like? One reason this exercise of imagination is so effective is that the subconscious is not governed by the same rules of time as the conscious mind. In fact, time doesn't exist in the subconscious mind -- or in our dreams, which are the subconscious mind's most easily recognizable by-product. *(Mark Fisher & Marc Allen, in How To Think Like A Millionaire, p. 68)***

**The only difference between the wrong way and the right way to reach your goal depends on where you’re coming from. *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Psychologist Alfred Adler said all children do what they do purposefully to get what they want. “Goal-directed behavior,” he called it. Explain the goal, he said, and you’ll have explained the behavior. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Whoever wants to reach a distant goal must take many small steps. *(Helmut Schmidt)***

**Goals are dreams with deadlines. *(Country Extra magazine)***

**Decide whether or not the goal is worth the risks involved. If it is, stop worrying. *(Amelia Earhart)***

**I am not interested in this phenomenon or that phenomenon. I want to know God’s thoughts; the rest are mere details. *(Albert Einstein)***

**The world makes way for the person who knows where they are going. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**Enjoyment is not a goal, it is a feeling that accompanies important ongoing activity. *(Paul Goodman)***

**Everyone needs long-range goals if for no other reason than to keep from being frustrated by short-range failures*. (Bits & Pieces)***

**A goal without a plan is simply a wish. *(Antoine de Saint-Exupery)***

**Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal. *(Henry Ford)***

**For in him we live and move and have our being, as some of your own wise men have said, For we are his kindred (Acts 17:28). It is a very important statement of humility and faith. It declares with Kahlil Gibran, “It is thy will in us that willeth. . . . it is thy desire in us that desireth.” It affirms that in God is the goal, the means to achieve the goal, and the glory of its achievement. *(Eric Butterworth, in Discover the Power Within You)***

**If we can come to want only what God wants, then we are in a curious way untouchable; for then loss of property, of good name, or health, or even of life holds no fear, for if that is what God wants, we will be at peace. *(Sheila Cassidy)***

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**Before strongly desiring anything, we should look carefully into the happiness of its present owner. *(La Rochefoucauld)***

**A goal is a dream with a deadline. *(Napoleon Hill)***

**I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I intended to be. *(Douglas Adams, in The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy)***

**I'd like to suggest that you set an internal goal; one that focuses on how you'll develop yourself personally or strengthen your character during the next year. Long-lasting change starts on the inside. By focusing your attention on things like becoming more honest, bold, or creative, you'll find that the how-to of achieving your goals gets a whole lot easier. As you strengthen yourself from the inside out, it's as if you were brightening your internal light. And as this light shines brighter, you'll probably find that you begin to attract opportunities and resources that support your external goals. *(Cheryl Richardson, in Life Makeovers, p. 13)***

**Just because I don’t know where I’m going doesn’t necessarily mean I have no destination*. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

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**It's always a long way, when you don't know where you're going. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots*)**

**You must have long-range goals to keep you from being frustrated by short-range failures. *(Charles C. Noble)***

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**The Denver Post ran an article in 1986, which said that 33 of the 34 Colorado lottery winners were worse off now than before they won the lottery. *(Larry McGlaughin)***

**he goal is to make your joys your job, your toys your tools\. *(Jennifer Leigh Youngs)***

**Two ministers died and went to heaven. St. Peter greeted them and said, “Your condos aren’t ready yet. Until they’re finished, you can return to earth as anything you want.” “Fine,” said the first minister. “I’ve always wanted to be an eagle soaring over the Grand Canyon.” “And I’d like to be a real cool stud,” said the second. Poof! Their wishes were granted. When the condos were finished St. Peter asked an assistant to bring back the two ministers. “How will I find them?” the assistant asked. “One is soaring over the Grand Canyon,” St. Peter replied. “The other may be tough to locate. He’s somewhere in Detroit – on a snow tire.” (Donna S. Tipton, in Reader’s Digest)**

**The soul that has no fixed goal loses itself; for as they say, to be everywhere is to be nowhere. (Michel de Montaigne)**

**Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it, you will land among the stars. *(Les Brown)***

**People with goals succeed because they know where they’re going. *(Earl Nightingale)***

**My whole life, what keeps me going are the people I play for. The goal is to make the people happy. *(Les Paul)***

**Give me a stock clerk with a goal, and I will give you a man who will make history. Give me a man without a goal, and I will give you a stock clerk. *(J. C. Penney)***

**Woman: “What’re you doing?” Man: “Setting personal goals. I’m afraid some of them may be too far-reaching, tho’.” Woman: “Buy big-screen DVD TV?” Man: “I guess I’m just one of those over-achievers.” *(Ted Dawson, in Spooner comic strip)***

**Every man before he dies should do four things: plant a tree, father a son, build a house and write a book. *(Plato)***

**Luann: “I’ve figured out what my problem is.” Man: “Which one?” Luann: “Which one? How many do you think I have?” Man: “I don’t think you have any. But you do, don’t you?” Luann: “Well, yea.” Man: “But you’ve identified a primary one?” Luann: “Yeah, I don’t have any short-term goals or any big overall life plans.” Man: “Ah! So you set some goals! That’s good, Hon, what are they?” Luann: “Well, you know . . . to have goals. *(Greg Evans, in Luann comic strip)***

**To the proverb which says, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step," I would add the words, “and a road map." *(Cecile M. Springer)***

**In an attempt to get students to think seriously about their goals, I asked my adult-living class to complete a questionnaire. One question was: “How far apart would you like to have your children?” A student filled in, “About 300 miles.” (Phyllis Schaefer, in Reader’s Digest)**

**The goal is not to reach something, even to reach for something. It is letting go of the very desire to reach. *(Dr. Eric Butterworth, Unity Minister)***

**Woman: “My new year’s resolution is to fit into my college blue jeans again.” Man: “Mine is to win a $100 million lottery.” Man: “Resolutions are supposed to be realistic goals, silly.” Woman: “OK, college sweat pants.” Man: “$50 million.” *(Bill Amend, in Foxtrot comic strip)***

**I refuse to allow a disability to determine how I live my life. Setting a goal that seems daunting actually is helpful toward recovery. *(Christopher Reeve)***

**The first requirement for making plans is believing that there will be a future. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots*)**

**Mankind has become so much one family that we cannot insure our own prosperity except by insuring that of everyone else. If you wish to be happy yourself, you must resign yourself to seeing others also happy. *(Bertrand Russell)***

**If you get where you’re going, where will you be? *(Dr. Robert Schuller)***

**To seek one's goals and to drive toward it, steeling one's heart, is most uplifting! *(Henrik Ibsen)***

**What we are seeking so frantically elsewhere may turn out to be the horse we have been riding all along. *(Harvey Cox, in Turning East*)**

**If a man does not know to what port he is steering, no wind is favorable to him. *(Seneca the Younger, ancient Roman philosopher)***

**To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life. *(Robert L. Stevenson)***

**Superconsciousness is the goal toward which humanity is working. Regardless of appearances there is an upward trend continually active throughout all creation. The superconsciousness is the realm of divine ideas. Its character is impersonal. It therefore has no personal ambitions; knows no condemnation; but is always pure, innocent, loving, and obedient to the call of God. *(Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 36)***

**Cow: “Before coming to this farm sanctuary I was kept in a metal crate so small I couldn’t move! They said it would make me ‘tender’. Tender? That**

**wasn’t on my goal list.” *(Patrick McDonnell, in Mutts comic strip)***

**There is only one goal – to give your greatest effort. If someone else gets better results than you, honor them. But maintain your own self-respect for offering your best. This will give you confidence against any foe. *(Jay Wright, Villanova men’s basketball coach, in Attitude: Develop a Winning Mindset On and Off the Court)* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after. *(Henry David Thoreau)***

**Not only must we be good, but we must also be good for something. *(Henry David Thoreau)***

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**The tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach. It isn't a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream. It is not disgrace to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Not failure, but low aim, is a sin. *(Benjamin Mays)***

**You have to treat your goal the way your dog handles a bone: Grab it, dream, grip it right and don’t let anyone take it away from you. *(Mort Crim, broadcaster)***

**My ultimate goal in life is to read books I like, listen to music I enjoy, play with my cats, drink some semi-decent red wine and watch a live baseball game on TV. Living itself is adventure enough. *(Haruki Murakami, novelist)***

**Why do I set myself unattainable goals? Because it saves me having to keep setting new ones. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots*)**

**I wanted to be a:**

**Waiter, but I couldn’t carry out an order.**

**Poet, but I had no rhyme or reason.**

**Boy Scout, but I wasn’t prepared.**

**Skyscraper builder, but I didn’t like tall stories.**

**Puppeteer, but I couldn’t pull the right strings.**

**Plumber, but it was just a pipe dream.**

**Garbage collector, but I didn’t like being down in the dumps.**

**Cab driver, but I couldn’t hack it. *(Frank Briggs, in Reminisce magazine)***

**Humans don’t know what they’re doing. You can say we want everybody to be happy, or we want everyone to have long lives and have good health, but what kind of goal is that? That’s the goal of your family dog. *(E. O. Wilson, in The Wall Street Journal)***

**Slight not what’s near, while aiming at what’s far. *(Euripides)***

**While attending a marriage seminar on communication, my husband Wesley and I listened to the instructor declare, “It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other.” He addressed the men. “Can you describe your wife’s goals, her dreams? Do you know her favorite song, her favorite flower?” Wesley leaned over, touched my arm tenderly and whispered, “Pillsbury All-Purpose, isn’t it?” *(Eunice Sundberg, in Reader’s Digest)***

**If you go to work on your goals, your goals will go to work on you. If you go to work on your plan, your plan will go to work on you. Whatever good things we build end up building us. *(Jim Rohn, motivational speaker)***

**How important is it to know what you want and where you’re going? A study of the graduates of one Harvard class thirty years later says it all: 80 percent had no specific goals, 15 percent had ones they only thought about and 5 percent had written goals (dreams with deadlines). The 5 percent, measured by net assets, had not only surpassed the goals they wrote down for themselves but, as a group, had more net worth than the other 95 percent combined. Impressive! *(Glenn Van Ekeren, in Speaker’s Sourcebook II)***

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**What you get by achieving your goals is not nearly as important as what you become by achieving your goals. *(Zig Ziglar)***

**If you aim at something, you will hit it every time, *(Zig Ziglar)***

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