



Christian Life Goals

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I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14.

Watching a program on television sometime way back, I saw a young boy playing with his dad. When the boy got tired, he sat down and his father tapped his son's shoulders as he sat down and asked him, "My son, what would you want to become when you grow big?" Of course the son had to think and respond. And as time continued to pass by the young boy grew and became

what he had wanted to be. He never settled for anything less other than his big dream. He worked diligently and purposed to achieve all he had ever wanted in life and eventually made it...

The scripture above defines our purpose, our mission, our target and our goal. We all have common goals, if not so, different goals in that case. Somewhere in our lives we might have wanted to achieve great things, it is true to each one of us and it is a good thing. But then it is very important to understand as children of God what we were called for, what our main purpose and

goal is. Let's not lose focus of what we are supposed to do.

As much as we want to press toward the mark for that prize, we must continue to grow in grace and be zealous in reaching out our lost brothers and sisters out there. That should be our first priority just as Mark 16:15 puts it, And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. These were and are Jesus' words. We ought to make this our goal and act in obedience. God's desire is to see that many hear the Gospel. Jesus has commissioned us all to do this, to share and to bring many to the kingdom. The question is: Is this our goal?

While in our mission of great service to God, we must know who called us and what He wants us to accomplish in

Him. We must love God supremely, enjoy Him entirely, walk with Him continuously and serve Him tirelessly to be able to win many souls to Christ! Winning souls to God indeed makes all heaven rejoice. Matthew 6:33 says, But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Indeed we are to seek the things of God as a priority over the things of the world. We are to seek the salvation that is inherent in the kingdom of God because it is of greater value than all the world's riches. Our goal and focus should be living in obedience to God in sharing the good news of the kingdom with others. And His righteousness, the righteousness of God, which is revealed in the Gospel, is

what gives a right and title to the kingdom of heaven. This is not the righteousness of man, but of God. It is what God approves of, accepts, and imputes, and which only can justify in His sight, and give an abundant entrance into His kingdom and glory. Heaven is to be sought for in the first place, as the perfection of the saints' happiness and Christ's righteousness is to be sought for, and laid hold on by faith, as the way and means of enjoying that happiness without which, there will be no entering into the kingdom of heaven.

You may ask, hey Justus, do you mean we forsake all our work and serve God? Absolutely no! Don't leave your work, we are told to work and whoever doesn't work let him not eat. Though God has promised to

provide for His own and supply every need according to Philippians 4:19 which says, But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus, His idea of what we need is always different from ours. God will always find a way to sustain those who serve Him faithfully by not focusing on earthly things and giving into lying allurements. And all these things shall be added unto us. The free bounty, goodness, and liberality of God, without our thought and

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care, and much less merit; even "all these things", meat, drink, clothing, or whatsoever worldly sustenance else is necessary for us which are not parts of the happiness of the saint's goals but temporarily given to us.

It is my prayer that we all by God's abundant grace

be able to know our Christian goals, objectives, our mission and God's intents to serve Him faithfully to the end. May we please God in going out by faith and do the fishing of souls back to God!

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The Most Important Question of Your Life...

If you died tonight, do you KNOW if you'd go to heaven?

The Easy Steps to KNOW for Sure:

== A == Acknowledge you are a sinner

ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

== B == Believe the shed Blood of Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved.

The wages of sin is death* but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

== C == Confess to God you know you are a sinner and call upon Him to come into your heart.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13