

# Success in College... *God's Way*

## SETTING AND ACHIEVING GOALS FOR COLLEGE AND LIFE

### Should I be setting concrete, written goals?

How ambitious should these goals be?

Is it biblical to have goals or should I wait and see what God lets happen?

### Goal setters of the Bible:

- **Jacob – Goal of marrying Rachel, gets Leah instead. Works 14 years to achieve goal. (Gen 29)**
- **Moses – Get the Israelites out of Egypt (God's plan) Exodus 3** <sup>10</sup>Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."
- **Paul – Preach the gospel everywhere – endures shipwrecks, stoning, whippings, other assorted beatings**

**Phil 3** <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- **Nehemiah – rebuild the wall – ambitious plan that gets carried out.**

**Nehemiah 2** <sup>4</sup>Then the king said to me, "What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup>And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

<sup>17</sup>Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach."

### Setting appropriate goals:

- What do I want to accomplish?
- Why do I want to accomplish it?
- Does God approve of this endeavor?
- Has God called me to this endeavor?
- Will His kingdom be extended through this endeavor?
- What do I really enjoy doing (Psalm 37:4)?
- What am I very good at doing?
- How do I keep track of my goals and when I reach them?
- How do I arrange my priorities to accomplish these goals?

### College Goals

- Grades
- Friends
- Variety of experiences
- Extra curricular activities
- Health
- Church

### Life goals

- Spouse
- Kids
- Job
- Activities
- Health
- Church
- Financial