

YOUR SPIRITUAL GOALS

WHAT YOU SHOULD DESIRE TO ATTAIN IN THE SPIRIT

*"Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working,
which worketh in me mightily."*

~ Colossians 1:29

1. Setting Goals

- a. People set specific financial, career, health, bucket list goals to attain.
- b. "If you aim for nothing, you will hit it every time." Zig Ziglar
- c. "If you think your life is good for nothing, nothing good will come of your life."
- d. Most Christians have a hard time measuring & identifying specific spiritual goals.
- e. In the flesh we desired to fulfill something (Eph 2:3)
- f. But now, in the spirit, what should we desire to fulfill/attain? What are our goals?

2. Our Hope in Heaven

- a. Paul pressing toward the ultimate goal: resurrection glory – Phi 3:11, 13-14
- b. All in Christ have a hope of glory – Rom 8:18, Col 1:27
- c. We have a hope laid up for us in heaven – Col 1:5, 3:2-4
- d. All this can leave life now less than desirable or without purpose – 1 Cor 15:19
- e. Are we just waiting for heaven? What is the goal before glory? 1 Tim 2:4, 2 Tim 2:2?

3. Paul's Desire

- a. In Colossians 1, Paul lays out 4 spiritual goals for the Colossians before glory.
- b. Speaking to saints and the faithful who have already have faith, hope, love – Col 1:1-5
- c. The gospel brought fruit among these people who loved in the Spirit – Col 1:6-8
- d. *"For this cause we also... pray for you, and to desire..."* - why prayer?
- e. Before attaining goals, you need to know them and want to (desire) to reach them.

4. Your Spiritual Goals

- a. Each one concerns your life now, with God, and gives you metrics of success.
- b. 1:9 – *"that ye might be filled with the knowledge ..."* ← Eph 5:17
 - i. Why: If you don't understand the spiritual things, you cannot attain them.
 - ii. How: This is where Bible study and learning are necessary, a renewed mind.
 - iii. Success: You abound and do not lack wisdom in the will of God.
- c. 1:10 – *"that ye might walk worthy of the Lord"* ← 2 Cor 5:7, Rom 6:4, 8:1
 - i. Why: How you move to the goal is important to reaching it. Eph 4:2
 - ii. How: Walk in the Spirit. Walk by faith. Be faithful. Phi 3:16-20, 1 Cor 4:2
 - iii. Success: Fruitful and increasing (growing) in the knowledge of God.
- d. 1:11 – *"Strengthened with all might"* ← Not your own – Eph 3:16, 6:10
 - i. Why: Life will be up and down, suffering, affliction. 2 Cor 4:6-7, 16-17
 - ii. How: Know the power and mind of Christ, His grace. – 2 Cor 12:9-10, Phi 4:13
 - iii. Success: Patience, longsuffering with joyfulness. (Glad to be waiting.) Col 1:24
- e. 1:12 – *"Giving thanks unto the Father"* – His will from the start – Rom 1:21
 - i. Why: He has given you so much, but you will think you need more.
 - ii. How: Rejoice in who He is, what He has done, and does in you.
 - iii. Success: You will be thankful in every thing – 1 Thess 5:18
- f. See these same goals elsewhere – Phi 1:8-11, Eph 2:8, Col 1:28-29
- g. We need to have spiritual goals. God's word and the Spirit can help you reach them.