

20/20 Vision

EYES WIDE OPEN

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Lesson aim



To explore what is needed to accomplish goals in 2020.



Explore how God is working in our favor for the future.



Things we should know about planning out future.

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2020 is Here!!!

HAVE YOU MADE PLANS?

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2020 Planning in General

Many people NEVER set goals for the new year.

Of those who set goals, many never review their plans after making them.

Many people don't consider their current status before attempting to set out to try to achieve their goals

People are not approaching their goals with their **eyes wide open**

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Definition: Goal/Plans

Goal:

- The object of a person's ambition, or efforts.
- An aim or desired result
- "Going to Law school has become the most important goal in his life"

Plans:

- A Detailed proposal for doing or achieving something.
- An Intention or decision about what a person is going to do.

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Question:

Does anybody see an issue with doing this on your own?

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Answer:

- Your Goals and Plans seek to please you.
- Your Goals and plans may not be signed off on by God.
- Your Goals and Plans are subject to error.
- You operation YOUR Goals and Plans on your own authority!

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Proverbs 12:2 (NKJV)

- ² A good *man* obtains favor from the LORD,
But a man of wicked intentions He will condemn.

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What Do we know about God?

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

- ¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 The Message (MSG)

- ¹¹ I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

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Principle #1:

When attempting to develop your Plans and Goals you Should:

- Seek God's Counsel
- Start with what He wants for you
- Submit YOUR desires to HIS will.



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Let's Get Started

MAKING PLANS?

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Things You Should Know About You:

- The following items apply to Believers ONLY.
- These are things you should know about yourself before setting goals.
- Without them, you will lack the confidence to carry out the goals God gives you.
- These are NOT your goals, but are tied to your goals.
- What year it is does not matter.

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1. Know Yourself - The Gospel:

#1: You should now know who you are, and where you came from, because it will give you an appreciation for where you are going:

- You were a rebel Against God
- You Lusted for things not pleasing to God but to yourself.
- You were lost for all eternity.
- Jesus came and took your place
- You are now Justified; and forgiven. Redeemed by the blood of Jesus.
- **If this does not apply to you yet, seek out God's plan and design for you concern this first, because this is where it starts.**

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2. Victory over Sin – Know Your Rights.

#2: God (through Jesus) didn't just address the consequences of sin, He also addressed the Sin problem.

- A person can still be in bondage to sin in if they don't know this. Sin can still be dominating their mind and actions if they don't know.
- The victory comes with the renewing of the mind.
- Israel wondered in the wilderness for 40 year because they couldn't get their minds wrapped around the fact that they were now longer in bondage.
- Jesus wanted more for you than just forgiveness. He wanted you to have an abundant life!
- **Therefore the sin problem must also be addressed (not just the consequences)**

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#3 Presence and Adoption – Know that God Cares.

#3 God has granted us an open invitation into His presence, and adoption into His Family.

- God has invited all the weary and heavy laden to come to Him for rest. We have an open invitation into the presence of God (This applies to all believers) for all eternity.
- God has adopted us into His family and provided us with an inheritance because He loves us.
- God wants to treat you as His child (despite your past).
- **Given this fact, we should be sufficiently grateful and motivated.**

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#4: God Has Assignments for Us – The Commission

#4: God has an assignment for EVERY believer. This love relationship is not just one-sided. Because He has done so much for us, it is only right that we be prepared to do the things He asks of us.

- God has an assignment for your future.
- Your 2020 plans and goals should include them. He will measure your success by His assignments for you.
- His assignments are called “The work of The Kingdom”
- Every Christian has Kingdom work to do.
- We must all be ready to represent Him, and prepare to represent Him

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God Want's To Dwell In You – God will Have your BACK!!

#5: What God will be sending us to do is not possible in our own strength. He therefore wants to dwell in you to accomplish it:

- He will send you as sheep among wolves.
- He will ask you to accomplish the impossible
- You won't be able to do it in your own strength. But if dwells in you, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.
- God wants you to give Him you! Mind, Body, and Soul. He wants you to take what have and give it to Him.
- **So that what you have becomes His, and what He has becomes yours. You, therefore, cannot fail, because he does not fail.**

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