

# I Cor. 9:

# Goals + Grace

I Cor. 12:4-6 - Gifts, Ministries + Effects

God is a planning, goal-oriented God - a determined counsel - God's Plan will be accomplished

Prov. 10:5 ; 3:5-6 ; James 4:13-15

Lu. 21:14 ~~15~~ Peter 3:15 - must have a defense for

Cautioning against arrogance of human autonomy - not spiritual lethargy, but goals submitted to God's will

## 2 extremes

① Goals have a life all their own i.e. institutions church planning

② No consideration of results at all evangelistic crusade

God's work done in God's way gets God's increase - Biblical way in 1<sup>st</sup> Century

## Goal problems

① May not have any - personally or corporately  
Why not have goals? Most people are afraid of failure. With no goals you don't know when you've succeeded - no joy, no gratitude

② Goals too vague, abstract + general  
e.g. "get closer to my wife" <sup>that's a</sup> vague contentless goals give the same results. Spell out exact steps with time limits on them - make them measurable, concrete  
"I want to be more Christlike" - useless goal - too vague need to say I'll read 1 theol. book a month, mem 3 vs. a week, - share 1 insight a week + someone with

③ Unprioritized goals - either equal weight or too many at one time.



I Cor. 13

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1 Cor. 13:1-2 - Gifts, Ministries + Effects

God is a planning, goal-oriented God - a determined character - God's plan will be accomplished

1 Cor. 13:13 - Faith, Hope + Love

1 Cor. 13:14 - Love is the greatest

God's plan is not spiritual but practical, but goals submitted to God will be met

1 Goals have a life all their own in this world

2 The sanctification of results of all

God's work done in this world

3 The biblical view in 1st Century

4 Many not have any - grace or love

5 Why not have goals? Great people are often

6 Goals too vague abstract + general

7 "I want to be more Christlike" - useless goal - too vague

8 need to say "I'll do this" - that's a goal

9 12. a week - share insight a week to someone

10 13. a week - share insight a week to someone

Find God's priority —  
Overall life goal - strategy

Short-term = 1 to 2 yrs

Long-term = 5 to 10 yrs

Then also have an overall life-time goal

Greatest joy in attaining God's will  
for my ministry, personal, corporate  
Spiritual goals have eternal value

II Tim 3:3



Overall life goal -  $\frac{1}{2}$  strategy  
— that this priority

Short-term = 1 to 2 yrs  
Long-term = 3 to 10 yrs

There are two overall life time goals  
Short-term for the future. This will  
for my immediate personal, corporate  
Optimal goals have clear value  
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