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Success in goals I believe comes down to these things – these steps that comprise **the Goal Crafter System**.

1.

Discern through chatting with God the desires of your heart. This is the first step and it is crucial for believers.

Two verses that speak to this are **Psalms 10:17** O Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline your ear. And **Psalms 37:4** Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart.

God hears us when we speak to him, but it is up to us to create the conversation. And when we do, He says to delight ourselves in Him. What an invitation. This is the beginning!!

2.

Create a mindset of belief about your creative capabilities. Mindset mastery runs throughout the crafting and achievement of your best goals. Belief that you can <u>do</u>, <u>be or have</u> what you establish as your goal is critical! If you believe it, you CAN achieve it. If you don't, your success will be hampered or even inaccessible to you.

There are ways to strengthen your beliefs about your goals. But *hint*, *hint* – your <u>thoughts</u> play a gigantic role in them.

A very strong verse in scripture, given us from Jesus is found in **Mark 9:23** And Jesus said to him, "'If you can?' All things are possible to him who believes."

Henry Ford said, "IF you believe you can, or you believe you can't, you're RIGHT!" Let that marinate!

3.

Choose the dreams you believe will help you live a brilliant, beautiful, buoyant life. God gave us the gift of free will. Inherent in free will is OUR ABILITY TO CHOOSE – TO DECIDE! No action can occur, no progress, until we decide what we want for ourselves.

Proverbs 16:3 Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.

As soon as you decide which of your ideas to choose to elevate to the status of a goal, you progress!

4.

Write them out with a due date for future completion. There is a multitude of research in the public domain that demonstrates something pretty astounding: the mere act of taking a pen or a pencil and writing out a goal increases your chances of accomplishing it by 42%. And, there is much more to be done that will take those percentages even higher.

This is reinforced in scripture. **Habakkuk 2:2** Then the Lord answered me and said, "Record the vision And inscribe it on tablets, That the one who reads it may run.

Back in the day when there was no paper – even then – God instructed His believers to write out their vision – their goal. Get it out of your head and onto paper. You will be glad you did!

5.

See yourself reaching your goal at just the right time.

Habakkuk goes on in verse **2:3** For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Thought it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.

Spend time with the vision behind the goal you have crafted. This mental activity will keep your vibe high and will be a source of fuel for you AND your goal.

6.

Craft and devise the perfectly imperfect plan to make your goal a reality. Notice the words perfectly imperfect. Years of experience crafting and going after goals has shown me that my plans are often incomplete or out of step with what really needs to occur to accomplish the goal. Practice though does make perfect. The danger in trying to develop the perfect plan is that you will plan and plan and plan and never actually progress because you believe the plan is not quite ready. Do the work – and then get ready for the next step.

And remember, **Proverbs 16:3** *Commit your works to the Lord And your plans will be established.*

Take committed, disciplined action. I have found that with goals, any action is better than inaction. Having said that, it is also wise to stop for a hot minute and ask yourself what the NEXT BEST ACTION could be that would get you closer to your goal. Then-do THAT.

Keep in mind **Colossians 3:23** Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men. And – when you follow this advice and keep the Lord in mind as the ultimate reason you are expanding His Kingdom, it just makes goal crafting and achieving so much better.

That's it. 7 steps, guided by biblical truths, that you can use to craft the life of your dreams – the one that is right there – on the other side of your goals.

To be sure, this **Goal Crafter System** is merely a framework, a guide, to utilize to get momentum going with your goals. There are many, many nuances to the process of crafting and accomplishing your goals – nuances such as roadblocks, repetition, and review, for example, not to mention fully understanding the benefits of achieving the goal.

But starting with this model is a great place to begin. Be still and be real today with the ultimate mentor – God the Creator.

Your best life awaits.