



LOVE LEAD LIVE

## THE GOSPEL CENTERED LIFE PLAN

The Gospel Centered Life Plan is a resource for individuals and families to set measurable goals as they seek to love God, lead well, and live the gospel. A performance driven life builds a foundation on abilities, education, experiences, and skills. A Gospel Centered Life is built on the foundation of having your identity in Christ. The goal is not perfection or performance in following Jesus; the goal is being faithful in pursuing Jesus.

*"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."  
- Philippians 3:14*

### REALITIES OF GOSPEL CENTERED GOAL SETTING:

#### 1. THE GOSPEL INFORMS US.

"Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures," (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

#### 2. THE GOSPEL TRANSFORMS US.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed

away; behold, the new has come."  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

"I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am"  
- John Newton

#### 3. THE GOSPEL CONFORMS US.

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."  
(2 Corinthians 3:18)

"Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth," (Colossians 1:5-6)

### S.M.A.R.T GOALS

*"If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else."  
- Yogi Berra*

#### S – SPECIFIC/STRATEGIC

Prayer is the starting point for setting clear and strategic goals. Goals are then set and steps of action are developed in order to achieve the goal. We set specific goals when we ask why, who, what, when, where, and how? Prioritizing your life helps inform you concerning strategic initiatives in goal setting.

#### M – MEASURABLE

What good is a goal that you can't measure? If your goals are not measurable, you never know whether you are making progress toward

successful completion. You will not know if you are growing if you cannot measure. Written goals are a means to evaluate and measure growth.

#### A – ATTAINABLE

Goals must be realistic and attainable. The best goals require a person to stretch a bit to achieve them, but they are not so difficult that they are unattainable. Goals should create a meaningful challenge for the individual. Making un-realistic goals will lead to discouragement and defeat. However, sanctification will involve times of crucifying our flesh in order to grow.

#### R – RELEVANT

The foundation for Christian goal setting is; are they relevant to the gospel of Jesus Christ? Make sure you don't confuse goal setting with performance. Your goals are not to define your value and worth, your identity is in Christ. There is no way we can set a "goal" for God to love us any more than He already does. We do not perform our way into pleasing God. Personal and family goals are a way to grow in Christ and manifest His kingdom here on earth, as you LOVE God, LEAD well, and LIVE the gospel.

#### T – TIME BOUND

Goals should have starting points, ending points, and fixed durations. Commitment to deadlines helps individuals to focus their efforts on completion. Goals without deadlines or schedules for completion tend to be overtaken by the day-to-day responsibilities and difficulties in life.

**"SO I DO NOT RUN AIMLESSLY;  
I DO NOT BOX AS ONE  
BEATING THE AIR."  
1 CORINTHIANS 9:26**

**"It is not what you know; it's not even who you know, it's what you implement that counts."- 12 Week Year**

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" Mark 12:30

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" Colossians 3:17

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."  
Matthew 28:19-20



90 DAY GOALS

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