

Spiritual Goals Vs Resolutions

- Goals Draw Out Your Sense of Purpose
- Goals Give You the “Go”
- Goals Show You What to Do
- Goals Get Your Focus on Improvement, Not Activity
- Goals Help You Measure Your Progress

Understanding Our Times

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**Proper discernment of what God is doing will equal victory.
A lack of discernment will equal destruction.**

I want to encourage you to seek God and understand what He is doing in our times.
Then, in light of what God is doing, ask God for direction in five areas of your life.

1. God what are you doing in me personally and what should I do?
2. God what are you doing in my family and what should I do?
3. God what are you doing in my church and what should I do?
4. God what are you doing in my community and what should I do?
5. God what are you doing in the world and what should I do?

Recognizing God’s Visitation

In Luke 19:41-44, Jesus wept over Jerusalem’s impending doom and down fall. Why the fall? “...because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.” Jesus was among them and they were unaware and missed it.

Hindrances to Understanding What God is Doing in Our Time and Knowing What to Do

1. **Worship of The Past** - Worship of the past will keep us from seeing and getting to where God wants us to be. 2 Kings 18:1-8 / Numbers 21:8-9
We tend to worship past religious experiences, rather than worshipping the giver of the experience.

2. **Living in The Past** Philippians 3:12-14

Your Past Mistakes - 1 John 1:9

The Past Mistakes of Others - Why should you disobey God because of the sins or offenses of others?
Enough is enough! Forgive them and move on!

*“While you are dreaming of the future or regretting the past,
the present, which is all you have, slips from you and is gone.” - Hilaire Belloc*

If you are trapped in the past you can never see the future.

Knowing What to Do

In Lamentations 1:9, we are told that one of the reasons the ancient great city of Jerusalem fell was because of her sins and that “...she did not consider her future.” (or destiny)...” Lamentations 1:9

Ignorance concerning our future destiny keeps us from making urgent and needed changes now.

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- Your understanding of what God wants you to do will determine your goals.
- Your goals map out your actions.
- Your actions create results.
- And the results will allow you to fulfill your God given purpose.