

Setting Effective Objectives

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I. Introduction.

A. Getting before God and prayerfully determining what he wants you to do can be a very fulfilling experience.

B. Texts: Jeremiah 31:21, Philippians 3:13-14, Psalm 32:8.

II. Objective setting grows out of one's extended time with God alone.

III. We need to know ourselves so that we can be on alert in light of our own weaknesses. (Matthew 26:41)

IV. Objective setting involves.

A. Accountability before God.

B. Establishing target dates and objectives within.

C. Measuring achievements.

V. Objectives are our responsibilities before God involving life and ministry. (Luke 2:52; 1 Timothy 4:8; Ephesians 5:25; 6:4; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Romans 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9; 2 Timothy 4:2)

VI. Each person needs to determine for what he or she is accountable and then order them in priority. Objectives are determined from these.

VII. Other objective areas: evangelism, prayer, leadership development and money management.

VIII. Difference between a quality and quantitative objective.

IX. The good can be the enemy of the best with objectives and the use of our time.

X. Criteria for effective objectives.

A. Maintenance and consistency.

B. Achievability.

C. Stretch and room for growth.

D. Specific enough to permit measuring.

E. An accompanying plan.

XI. Take some time to determine what the Lord has for you.

Application questions:

1. What is the point of setting objectives?

2. What is the biblical base for setting objectives?

3. What are your major objectives? Adapt them to fit the criteria listed above.
