

GOAL SETTING

Introduction – We have been discussing a comprehensive model for understanding human behavior. We are inherently goal-oriented in every area of our lives. The question is will our goals be godly, attainable, and reasonable.

A. Significance is a need that relates to our creative work.

1. God gave the first couple a garden which they were to guard and care for. Their mission was to multiply godly image bearers to subdue and fill the earth.

2. In Christ we are to work and not be idle.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-13

3. Our specific work differs, but our motivation must be God-centered.

Colossians 3:22-24

B. Security relates to our relationships.

1. Singleness is an exception to the original creation command. It is not a curse but a gift from God.

1 Corinthians 7:7-11

2. Marriage and family life offers an opportunity to submit to and serve one another.

Ephesians 5:21, 33

C. Real followers of Jesus have been given godly goals.

1. Persevere in the teaching of Jesus.

John 8:31-32

2. Create a Christ-centered community characterized by love.

John 13:33-34

3. Be productive in every area of your lives.

John 15:8

Conclusion – Our goals must be reworked to reflect the wisdom and mission of God as well as being reasonable and attainable.

Matthew 28:19-20

The Solution to Problems

Only God can reach our deepest needs. We must begin with “because God has met my needs of security and significance....”

We must change our goals from desirable to attainable ones.

**God in
Christ**

