

PREPARING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY

Nehemiah 2:1-8
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Life Lesson: What God _____ God _____

Life Lesson: God is using my _____ to
_____ me to accomplish His _____ for my life

Now I was the cupbearer to the king. - Nehemiah 1:11 (NASB)

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His, purpose. - Romans 8:28 (NASB)

How to Set and Achieve My Goals (Six Steps)

If your goals are good, you will be respected, - Proverbs 11:27 (GNT)

1. _____ (v.1) Nehemiah took _____

Wise people _____ time for _____ time

*A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't and even brags about it!
- Proverbs 13:16 (TLB)*

The wise man looks ahead. The fool attempts to fool himself and won't face facts. - Proverbs 14:8 (TLB)

3 Questions to Ask

- Where am _____
- Where do _____
- How do _____

2. _____ (vv.2-4)

3. _____ (v.5)

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- Who do I want to _____
- What do I want to _____
- What do I want to _____

2 Common Errors in Goal Setting:

We set our goals _____

We try to accomplish them _____

4. _____ (v.6) (Nehemiah 5:14) _____

Question: _____

5. _____ (vv.7-8)

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*A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them: the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences
- Proverbs 22:3 (TLB)*

A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them... - Proverbs 27:12 (TLB)

6. _____ (v.8) (Nehemiah 5:17)

Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts. - Proverbs 24:3 (TLB)

Must be willing to ask others _____

Wisest risks are those taken after _____ and _____

*We can make our plans, but the final outcome is in God's hands.
- Proverbs 16:1 (TLB)*

A _____ Idea: I'm limited to _____ resources and potential

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Spiritual: *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you Jms 4:8 (NASB95)*

Relationships: *(Jesus) Love (agapao) one another - John 13:34 (NASB)*

Occupational: *God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful" - Gen 1:22 (NASB)*

Financial: *The Lord be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant." - Psalms 35:27 (NASB95)*

Intellectual: *if the axe is dull and he does not sharpen its edge, then he must exert more strength. Wisdom has the advantage of giving success.
- Ecclesiastes 10:10-11 (NASB95)*

Physical: *present your bodies as a living...sacrifice - Romans 12:1 (NASB)*