

HOW TO SET AND REACH YOUR GOALS

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

1. There Must Be a _____ with Where You Are, vs. 12.

“Not that I have already grasped it all or have already become perfect, but I press on if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus.”

2. There Must Be the _____ of Every Hindrance and Negative Influence, vs. 13.

“Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,”

“Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let’s rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let’s run with endurance the race that is set before us...”

“so that you may approve the things that are superior and may be pure and blameless in the day of Christ,” (Philippians 1:10, CSB)

3. There Must Be A _____ That Cannot Be Detoured or Stopped, vs. 12-14.

“Not that I have already grasped it all or have already become perfect, but I press on if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who



competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. So they do it to obtain a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way as not to run aimlessly; I box in such a way, as to avoid hitting air; but I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.” (1 Corinthians 9:24–27)

4. There Must Be A _____ On The Finish Line, vs. 14.

“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

“Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let’s rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let’s run with endurance the race that is set before us looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2)

“I glorified You on the earth by accomplishing the work which You have given Me to do.” (John 17:4)

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.” (1 Corinthians 9:24)

“Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.” (John 19:30)

“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:6–8)

ANSWERS: Dissatisfaction, Elimination, Determination, Fixation.



2025 Goals for Porter First Baptist

Attendance Goals

- 1) Life Groups---average 275 for a month by August
 - Spring Attendance Campaign, March 16th-April 13th
 - Fall Attendance Campaign, September 7th-28th
 - Start some new Adult Classes
- 2) Worship---Average 350 for a month by August
 - Extend 300 personal invitations a week
 - Improve follow-up of guests
- 3) Wednesday Night Attendance to average 140 by August
 - Weekly reminders about Wednesday night activities
 - Personal invitations
 - Enrollment campaigns for choir
 - Youth attraction events once a month

Evangelism

- 1) 52 baptisms for the year (one a week on average)
 - 3 baptism Sundays---Spring, Summer, Fall
- 2) 1,040 gospel presentations over the year (20 per week)
- 3) 300 church invitations each week
- 4) Guest follow-up improvement
- 5) Evangelism training---3 times this year
- 6) Attraction events with gospel presentations and invitations
- 7) Community evangelistic blitz (one a quarter)
- 8) Evangelistic crusade

Serving

- 1) To have half of our attendance serve somewhere each week
 - Help congregation discover needs, their gifting, and how they can help the mission of Porter First Baptist Church.
 - Provide training when and where needed.
 - Have a ministry fair where we highlight the ministries that people can get involved in.
 - Highlight ministries and people involved in them in our service occasionally.



Missions

- 1) To raise at least \$75,000 for missions this year.
- 2) To have 25% of our Adults and Youth serve in a mission outside of our church walls.
- 3) To have an annual missions fair.
- 4) To have at least one International trip and one national mission trip each year.
- 5) To engage in community organizations and events.

Finances

- 1) To reach our budget and mission projections in 2025.
- 2) To pay down \$150,000 of debt principal this year.
- 3) To have the monies to replace floor coverings in corridors and Worship Center.
- 4) Encourage our people to find Financial Freedom.

Prayer

- 1) That families would have regular prayer together.
- 2) That intentional and spontaneous prayer would be seen in hallways, classrooms, and worship.
- 3) That we would celebrate answers to prayer.
- 4) That every member would be praying by name for five people to come to Christ in 2025.
- 5) That our congregation would pray fervently and aggressively for the advancement of mission of Christ.
 - Have a monthly prayer guide.
 - Have a weekly prayer request.
 - Each class to agree and pray for the advancement of God's mission.
- 6) Pray for a great awakening of the church and the conversion of the lost.

Discipleship

- 1) That each member would read the Bible each day.
- 2) That each member would take responsibility for their Spiritual Growth.
 - Attend Life Group and Worship each week.
 - Participate in LifeU Classes on Sunday evening.
 - Disciple or be disciplined.
 - Use Right Now Media to guide areas of interest.

