The Art of Goal Setting: Creating Your Best Life

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How do you motivate yourself to do the things you need to do, even when you don't want to: *Know why you are doing them*. "What strategies help you to get yourself to do the unpleasant work, instead of more fun things?"

- "I remind myself that I want to be the first one to graduate from college in my family; I also look ahead at my future and get excited to see myself working in my dream job."
- "I wanted to prove that teachers who told me that I would never do well in school because of my disability were wrong."
- "Being a student-athlete, there is hardly any room for error. ... I always make sure that my work has been completed so that it is not lingering over my head."

How do entrepreneurs and athletes achieve success?

- Richard Branson Write down all your short and long term goals, share them with others, and cheer yourself on with every one you check off.
- Michael Jordan Goal: Be the best! "From the first day of practice, my mentality was: 'Whoever is the team leader, I'm going to be going after him. I had to do it with the way that I played."

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• Bill Gates - Take on a **big enough** mission - *Truly* successful people first choose endeavors worthy of their time.







The Goals Study (Dr. Gail Matthews, Dominican University of California)

• Sample of business professionals

- Group that was simply asked to think about their goals for next 4 weeks, and rate each goal's Difficulty and Importance (43% accomplished goals)
- Group that was also asked to write down goals and ratings (61% accomplishment)
- Group that was also asked to keep weekly progress reports (76% accomplishment)

Summary

- Setting clear, challenging personal goals helps you to motivate yourself to do get done what you need to, even when you don't want to.
- First step Pick the right goal for you!

How To Find Goals: Are you asking the right questions?

The Study Place Project



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Don't work towards nothing

• What is important to you?

• Why are each of these important to you?

Use these answers to identify your values

Extract your goals from your values

Question yourself, it's powerful!

- When are you happiest?
- What makes you proud of yourself?
- What qualities do you admire in others?
- Who inspires you?

What's something you would never regret attempting, even if you failed?



Short Term Goals & Long Term Goals

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<u>What are Short Term</u> <u>Goals?</u>

- Something you want to accomplish in a shorter amount of time.
- It is achieved quickly (12 months or even 2 hours).
- You need short term goals in order to create long term goals.

What are Long Term Goals?

- Something you want to achieve for the future that has high significance towards your well-being.
- Not something that is achieved within a week or a year.

