

## HOW TO SET AND REACH YOUR GOALS

#SermonReachingGoals

### Growing Through Goal Setting - Part 2

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Genesis 24:1-59

#### The Steps To Success

##### 1. DETERMINE YOUR POSITION

**Genesis 24:1** Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the Lord had blessed him in every way. (NIV)

##### 2. DEFINE YOUR PURPOSE

**Genesis 24:2-4** He said to the chief servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh. <sup>3</sup> I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, <sup>4</sup> but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac." (NIV)

**Genesis 24:5** The servant asked him, "What if the woman is unwilling to come back with me to this land? Shall I then take your son back to the country you came from?" (NIV)

##### 3. DISCOVER A PROMISE

**Genesis 24:7** The LORD, the God of heaven, who brought me out of my father's household and my native land and who spoke to me and promised me saying, 'To your offspring I will give this land'--he will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son there. (NIV)

##### 4. DESIRE IN PRAYER

**Genesis 24:12** Then he prayed, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. (NIV)

##### 5. DIAGNOSE THE PROBLEMS

**Genesis 24:58** So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she said. (NIV)

##### 6. DESIGN A PLAN

**Genesis 24:11-12, 14-15, 22, 32** He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water. <sup>12</sup> Then he

prayed, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham....<sup>14</sup> May it be that when I say to a girl, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'--**let her be the one you have chosen** for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master."<sup>15</sup> Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder...<sup>22</sup> When the camels had finished drinking, the man **took out a gold nose ring weighing a beka and two gold bracelets** weighing ten shekels...<sup>32</sup> So **the man went to the house**... (NIV)

## **7. DISCIPLINE YOUR PERSONALITY**

**Genesis 24:21** **Without saying a word** the man **watched her closely** to learn whether or not the Lord has made his journey successful. (NIV)

**Genesis 24:33** When the food was set before him he said, "**I will not eat** until I have told you what I have to say..." (NIV)

**Genesis 24:56** But he said to them, "**Do not detain me**, now that the Lord has granted success to my journey..." (NIV)

## **8. DEPEND ON PEOPLE**

**Genesis 24:54-59** Then he and **the men who were with him** ate and drank and spent the night there. When they got up the next morning, he said, "Send me on my way to my master."<sup>55</sup> But **her brother** and **her mother** replied, "Let the girl remain with us ten days or so; then you may go."<sup>56</sup> But he said to them, "Do not detain me, now that the LORD has granted success to my journey. Send me on my way so I may go to my master."<sup>57</sup> Then they said, "Let's call the girl and ask her about it."<sup>58</sup> So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she said.<sup>59</sup> So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with **her nurse** and Abraham's servant and **his men**. (NIV)

## **9. DEPOSIT THE PRICE**

**Genesis 24:53** Then the servant brought out gold and silver jewelry and articles of clothing and gave them to Rebecca. He also **gave costly gifts** to her brother and to her mother. (NIV)