

Intersections: Christianity & Today

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Twelve Life Goals

1. Can you have more than one life goal?
 2. Can you have life goals without making them explicit?
For example, if your life goal is just to have fun, or
to just be one of the crowd, or
live day-to-day like babies do, or
to be the best at anything.
 3. Years ago, I had a vision.
God was talking to a bunch of us before we were born. He asked each of us, “What will you promise Me—what will you offer to Me—if I give you life?”
One said, “I will go to Africa and convert them all.” God smiled.
Another said, “I will be the world’s best mother.” God smiled.
I said, “I promise that I will enjoy the gift of life that you have given me. I will play, and sing, and dance, and work with joy. On my tombstone, I want them to write *He had a ball.*”
God giggled.
 4. Goethe wrote, “Life is the childhood of our immortality.” What plans do you have when you reach adulthood/immortality?
Or . . . do you figure you’re just going to be entertained by God forever?
 5. Thomas Ken wrote *Evening Hymn*:
*Teach me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.*
- Can you live—really live—without life goals?
6. Are you living for something that you wouldn’t die for?
 7. Living a life without any goals is like being a dead atheist.*
 8. Everyone in church says that their number one goal in life is to love and serve God. We are not in church right now. How—*very specifically*—do you intend to accomplish your number one goal?



(The inside of the envelope is on the back of this sheet.)

* All dressed up and nowhere to go.

Did I leave anything out?

HEALTHY
eat right,
exercise,
avoid cigs &
STDs

ATTRACTIVE
time spent
showering,
shaving, etc.

COLLECTING
those special
things

CARING
touching other
people's lives

CHEERFUL 😊
easy to be
around
and liked by
all

LOYAL
church, family,
and friends

WELL-
EDUCATED
world of the
mind

RICH
enough to
get the
"goodies"

PATRIOTIC
love, support
and
defend our
country

EXPRESSIVE
of the art,
poetry, and
stories within

ATTUNED
Bible,
meditation,
and prayer

ADVENTURE
travel, sports,
and
television