

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF YOUR LIFE? CHANGING TO BE LIKE CHRTST.

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1. As a Christian our goal may be to:
obey God in all we do,
serve God fully and complete His work,
minister to the needy in power,
glorify God in every action,
be a powerful **witness** to Christ,
fulfil an effective **ministry**, - etc.

2. These, and many others, are excellent goals to aim at, but God has a goal for us that sums all those up.
Rom 8:29 – “be conformed to the image of His Son” Jesus.
God’s goal for us is to **become like Jesus**. This goal is also given to us in:

<i>Ps 17:15</i>	<i>Gen 1:26,27</i>	<i>Phil 3:13,14</i>
<i>1Jn 2:6</i>	<i>Eph 4:13,15</i>	<i>Gal 2:20</i>
<i>1Jn 3:2,3</i>	<i>Mat 5:48</i>	<i>Col 1:27</i>

3. To become like Jesus involves **change, being transformed, being renewed**.
Growth requires change, *2Cor 3:18, Rom 12:2, Eph 4:22-24*.

4. Changing to be like Jesus requires:
 - a. **humbling** ourselves before Jesus as Lord, *1Pet 5:6*.
 - b. **acknowledging** and **desiring** to be changed, *Ps 139:23,24*.
 - c. **faith in God’s promises to change us**, *Pro 28:13*.

Rom 12:1,2 Give yourself as a living sacrifice to God. Be transformed by the Word of God in faith.

Jam 4:10 Humble yourself before God and He will lift you up.

2Chr 7:14 Humble yourself, pray and seek God, turn from every wicked way, and He will hear, forgive, and heal your land, (your heart, life, family, church, nation).

1Jn 1:9 Confess your sins, and He is faithful **to forgive** your sins and **to cleanse** you from all unrighteousness.

Pro 1:23 Turn at God’s rebuke and He will pour out His Spirit on you and make known His words to you.

God promises to **change us** by the **power of His Spirit** as we believe, and keep believing His Word to us. God’s **power** is in **God’s Word to do God’s Work**.

As we believe His promises of the Word, God’s power is released to do the work of changing us to be like Jesus.

Some promises:

1Thes 5:23,24

Ezk 36:25-27

2Pet 1:3,4

2Cor 7:1

Heb 13:20,21

Phil 2:13(GNB)

