How To Get What You Want

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INTRODUCTION

- So it's really kind of a catchy title just to say, what do you want? Do you know what you want?
- So this is more of, or less of what do you want, more of what do you truly need at your core, and how are you going to get there?
- No matter what your goal, if you don't have a plan, you won't get there.

1 Be Proactive

- You have a proactive approach and you have a reactive approach.
- Active is the opposite of sedentary. So if you want to get anything done, you're not pulling out your lawn chair. You must do something.
- You have to realize that you're responsible for who you are. So if you want to change who you are, that starts with you.
- Reactive people will wallow in their circumstances.
- You can let your circumstances pull you down, or you can rise above and press on.
- There are ways that you can overcome your circumstances every time.

2 Begin With the End in Mind

Luke 14:28

- This guy who's building the tower in Luke 14, he had a plan.
- It happens once in your brain, and then it happens when you make it happen.
- Beginning with the end in mind is a concept of focusing on what you want the end to be.
- Specific goals need to be measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely. This is how you set goals.
- So write it down. Make it measurable and specific and attainable.
- When you start each day with a clearly defined goal, you'll feel that you accomplish more in a day.

3 Putting First Things First

Luke 14:28–30; Hebrews 12:1

- So it's called putting first things first. Sounds a lot like priorities.
- What are your core values? What's your purpose? And what's your priority?
- By focusing on our core priorities first, you can begin to make real measurable progress in who you are and who you should be and who you need to be.
- We're surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses. Let us lay aside every encumbrance that besets us.

- God built us for this purpose. What are we doing to get the encumbrances off so that we are better at his purpose?

THE CHALLENGE

Can they say that last part about you? Are you a Christian? Not just have you been baptized. Are you a Christian? Are you following God's plan?

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