

A G.O.A.L. ORIENTED LIFESTYLE

Text: Romans 1:1-7

You were created for a purpose. Finding that purpose, and living it out by day by day, is the difference between being a thriver or merely a survivor.

Paul's other letters were written to churches that he had planted; Paul wrote this letter to a church he had never visited -- the church in Rome.

You could say the theme of Romans, then, is "everything you need to know about following Christ."

G.O.A.L. It stands for a God-Ordained Area of Leadership.

When you develop a GOAL-oriented lifestyle, you'll find yourself on the fast-track to success in the eyes of God. There are three reasons why.

1. Having a GOAL Defines Your Identity

Romans 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God...

Notice the three key words in this verse; Bond-servant, called, set apart.

Pursing your God-ordained area of leadership puts you on the fast track to God-ordained success. Ref: Galatians 1:15

You are not your own, you've been bought with a price. [1 Corinthians 6:20]. You belong to God.

There is a river that runs through the lives of Christian people, and that river is called the Purpose of God.

God has a purpose for history. Ref: V1-3

Paul was influenced by something much greater: not just the idea of changing history, but the idea of changing eternity.

If you want to excel in your God-ordained area of leadership, you must be influenced, first and foremost, by the Word of God.

3. Having a GOAL Drives Your Imagination.

That's what having a GOAL does to you: it inspires you to try. It drives your imagination, causing you to consider the possibilities of what can be, instead of just complaining about what isn't.