

Are You Hitting...
...Your Mark?



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Everybody wants **SUCCESS** in life!
However, we all fail due to 4 reasons:

1. **No Target!** "I shot an arrow into the air, it fell to earth, I knew not where!" H.W. Longfellow
2. **Failure To Plan!** "Those who fail to plan, plan to fail!"
3. **No Motivation!** "Be miserable... or motivate yourself. Whatever happens... its **your** choice!"
4. **Lack of Self Improvement!** When an archer misses his mark, he has to look to himself for the fault because the target never moves! He must improve himself by improving his aim!



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1. ESTABLISH YOUR GOALS!

The **target** in archery represents **your vision** of success that you want in life: your dreams, goals, desires..

True success lies in setting the right goals which are achievable.

Nobody is 100% successful, **but you can begin a journey to reach some of your goals!** Think about your goals for employment, relationships, health, travel, community, habits, spiritual, education... and write them down! Prioritize them. **Now begin!**



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2. PLAN HOW TO GET THERE!

The tip of the arrow is called **the point** and represents **your plan on how to reach your goals!** When your plan reaches the target, then you are a success! After you have figured out what your goals are, write down what steps of action are required to get you there! One of the biggest hurdles to stop your dream is the lack of support by other people. **The basic rule for reaching your goal: Success depends on other people supporting/helping you!**



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3. WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVATION?



The **shaft** on the arrow represents **your motivational drive** that it takes to achieve your success! Motivation propels you forward to make you accomplish your goals!

You do it because you believe in it and want to achieve it! **Strong reasons make strong actions!** You act to gain something or to avoid something! Let your heart follow what you really love and you will not be led astray! **Enthusiasm is the all in all!**

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4. 3 NEEDS TO OBTAIN GOALS!



There are 3 feathers attached to the end of the shaft called **fletching**. They are used to **balance** and **guide** the arrow in flight. Three things are needed to balance your skill in aiming:

A. Education to Know How

The **first feather** is **knowledge**. Not knowing how to accomplish your goal is **the beginning of success!** Go to school, read books, study hard, and search for the answers!

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B. Training For Experience

The **second feather** is **practice**. "Practice makes perfect." This builds up your confidence by helping you realize that nothing is impossible to achieve. **Training leads to the experience which brings that assurance!** A famous baseball pitcher pitched a no-hitter and was found the next day working out instead of resting.

When asked why, he said, "When you stop practicing, you quit being perfect!"



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C. Resources to Obtain Your Goal

The **third feather** is **resources**. Resources involve additional information, other people's help, money, and a persevering spirit. Resourcefulness is needed to



meet and overcome **ALL** the obstacles that come in your path. Nine out of ten people allow defeat to stop them from reaching their goals when a little more **stick-to-it-iveness** saves the day! Past failures are springboards for future direction! **Stay focused!** Discouragements can become victories!

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5. COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVE!

The bow represents your **power** to achieve your goal **when you are truly committed!**



Commitment is your greatest asset for achievement. If you do not act on your desire, you will continue to live in regrets and despair. A great violinist revealed his secret: "Planned Neglect". He neglected every thing that stopped him from reaching his goal!

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6. Begin Now To Follow Your Dream

"The journey of a thousand miles **begins** beneath one's feet." -Lau Tzu. "The price of success is **hard work, dedication** to the job at hand, and the **determination** that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand." -Vince Lombardi. "Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we off might win by fearing to attempt."

-William Shakespeare. **Take the first step:**

Write out your vision! "Ready, aim..."



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7. SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE!

No journey is successful without salvation from sin!

"What shall it profit a man, if he should **gain** the whole world [success], and **lose his own soul**?" Mark 8:36 **Sin means: "missing the mark of fellowship with God."** Sin separates us from God's fellowship which brings death that leads into hell!

1. So God Set His Goal To Save Us!

"For the Son of man [Christ] is come to seek and **to save that which was lost [us].**" Luke 19:10

2. God Planned How to Save Us:

"Christ died for **our sins**... I Cor 15:3-4

"God, which takes away the **sin**" John 1:29



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3. God's Motivation... LOVE: "For God so loved the world, that **He gave His only begotten Son**"

4. God's 3 Needs To Obtain His Goal:

a. Education: The Bible "Faith comes by hearing"

b. Training: Discipled 12 Men "Follow Me"

c. Resources: Prayer "Call unto Me"

5. Commitment to the Cross: "Looking unto Jesus... who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross.." Heb 12:2

6. God Calls You Now To Come To Him!

"Come unto Me... and I will give you rest."

"Believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved" Romans 10:9

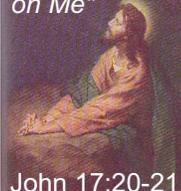


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COME NOW! BE SAVED TODAY:

"Dear God, I know **Jesus paid my sin penalty on the cross with His shed blood.** His resurrection from the dead is my faith for the forgiveness of all my sins. **I NOW repent** [turning away from trusting myself] **of my sins by receiving and trusting Jesus as my Savior.** Thank you for saving me from sin and giving me eternal life! Amen."

"... I ...pray for them ...which shall believe on Me"



John 17:20-21

Sign: _____ Date: _____
Your Witness: **Jesus Christ (Rev 1:5)**

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Begin to Build a Love Relationship With God:

1. Every day let God talk to you thru the Bible: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18 "Desire... the Word" I Peter 2:2

2. Pray asking God's help about problems, needs, stress, direction, relations, doubts, thankfulness...etc. "Casting all your care upon Him for He cares for you." I Peter 5:7

3. Daily confess known sins to God: You can't lose eternal life, but **sin** will break your fellowship with God. "If we **confess our sins** He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us" I John 1:9 Fellowship **is** restored!

4. Share the good news of God's love in Jesus with others: "Love... as I have loved you." John 13:34

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5. Stay away from evil: Avoid evil people for friends, bad books and wrong thoughts. "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." I Corinthians 15:33

6. Join a Bible believing Church: Be faithful in attending, and serve the Lord with gladness. "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" Acts 2:47

7. Give to the support of the Lord's work: Give your time, talent, and money in love to God's work. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name" Psalm 29:2

8. Do NOT be discouraged: Temptations, disappointments, and persecution will come. Trust in Jesus who says, "I will **never** leave you, nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

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