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# COMPREHENSIVE GOAL SETTING GUIDE

# 21-QUESTIONS TO EXTRAORDINARY GOAL SETTING

This comprehensive guide, helps you dig deep within yourself to determine what you truly desire.

Once you know what you want, then creating a plan to achieve your dreams isn't difficult.

# **21 Questions to Extraordinary Goal-Setting!**

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#### **GREAT Goals are:**

- a) Outcome focused: Once you understand your WHY (and it's an enthusiastic WHY), you're 90% there!
- b) In line with your values: The more a goal aligns with your inner or core values the EASIER it will be to
- achieve. NOTE: We can achieve goals that don't align with our values, but it's harder to do and less satisfying.
- c) Stated in the positive: "I want healthy fingernails" rather than "I want to stop biting my nails."

#### and SMART:

Specific (so you know what you're trying to achieve) Measurable (thus, you know when you've completed it!) Action-oriented (so you can DO something about it!) Realistic (so it IS achievable) and Time-Bound (has a deadline)

#### Focusing on the Outcome:

- 1. What is it that you really want? *Dig deep.*
- 2. What is the SPECIFIC outcome you're looking to achieve?
- 3. What is the PAIN for you of NOT achieving your goal?

# Aligning with your Values:

- 4. Is this goal in line with your life vision/overall life-plan? (Don't know what does your gut tell you?)
- 5. Is this goal in line with your values? (Unsure? Ask yourself what's important to you in life will this goal help you achieve more of that?)
- 6. Are the goals something YOU truly want, or are they something you think you SHOULD have or SHOULD be doing? (Tip: If it is a SHOULD, it may be someone else's dream...)
- 7. When you think about your goal, does it give you a sense of deep contentment or 'rightness,' happiness, and/or excitement? (If so, these are good signs that it's a healthy goal.)
- 8. If you could have the goal RIGHT NOW would you take it? (If not, why not? What issues are there?)
- 9. How does this goal fit into your life/lifestyle? (Time/effort/commitments/who else might be impacted?)

# Identifying Obstacles:

- 10.Can YOU start & maintain this goal/outcome? (Do you have complete control over achieving it?)
- 11. How will making this change affect other aspects of your life? (What else might you need to deal with?)
- 12. What's good about your CURRENT SITUATION? (What's the benefit of staying right where you are?) Then ask, how can I keep those functional aspects while STILL making this change?
- 13. WHAT might you have to give up/stop doing to achieve this goal? (Essentially, what's the price of making this change – and are you willing to pay it?)
- 14. If there was something important around achieving this goal (to help you succeed, or that could get in the way) that you haven't mentioned yet, what would it be?
- 15. Whom will you have to BE to achieve this goal?

# **Goal Sizing:**

**16.** Is your goal the right size to be working on?

Too big? Break down into smaller goals. Too small? Fit into a larger purpose.

- 17. What would be the MINIMUM/Super-Easy level of goal to achieve?
- 18. What would be your TARGET level of goal to achieve?
- 19. What would be your EXTRAORDINARY level of goal to achieve?

# **Resources - get moving:**

- 20. What RESOURCES do you already have to help you achieve your goal? Make a list! (things, support from people, contacts, personal qualities, knowledge, skills, money, time).
- 21. What RESOURCES do you NEED to help you achieve your goal? Make a list!

IMPORTANT: REMEMBER – GOALS are there to INSPIRE YOU!

- } give yourself a goal } range so you can't
- } fail to achieve!



