

## **Looking Ahead**

### **Ready:**

“Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus.” -- Philippians 3:12

### **Set**

After routing the University of Oklahoma for its second straight national title, then-University of Southern California coach Pete Carroll was asked when preparation for the next season would begin. Carroll replied, “It’s already going. We live this thing. If you’re competing, then you’re always competing.” Carroll had just led his team to an undefeated championship season, yet he already had his sights set on the highest goals for the following year.

Athletes set goals all the time with the belief that good goals will help them live up to their potential. At the beginning of the year, many are doing the same thing with life in general. Some look ahead without passion or vision at all. And some have a dream and, like Pete Carroll, want to be active in accomplishing it.

What would you like to see happen over the next year? I encourage you to do two things: First, give it serious thought. What do you truly want to see happen? Second, write these things down and stay focused. If you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision.

### **Go**

- What goals have you set for yourself or your team as you face each season?
- What is God telling you to set as a goal for your life?

### **Workout**

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

[Philippians 3:12-21](#)

### **Overtime**

“Lord, reveal to me what Your goals are for me on the road ahead, not what my goals are for You. Stretch my vision and show me not what is, but what can be. Amen.”



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