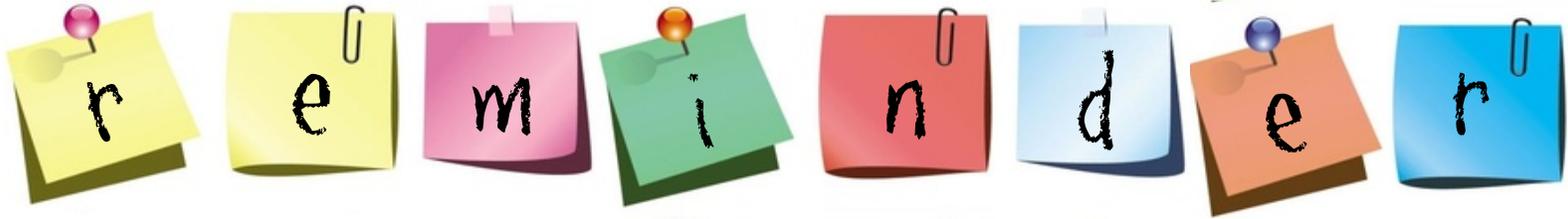


“I shall always be ready to remind you of these things...” (2 Peter 1:21)



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Committed to a Cause

by Alex Hale

As we read in Genesis about the life of Abraham, we find that in addition to the high level of faith that Abraham had, he was also invested in God's plan. *Truly happy people are committed to a cause.* Abraham's life was devoted to fulfilling God's will, namely in the establishment of a great nation which God told him about in Genesis 12. You may be familiar with the pains that Abraham and Sarah went through to even have a child in their old age.

There is a lesser known account from Genesis 24. After Sarah has died, Abraham is an even older man, but he continues to toil toward the fulfillment of the promise, which was his life's work. He essentially tells his servant, "Isaac can't marry one of these women. You have got to go back to the place from where I came, and get him a wife from there, because those are the people through whom the nation will be fulfilled." Abraham had goals which derived from the revelations of God in his life.

When we start talking about goals, a lot of people may think of a multi-step program to economic success. This is what we are often talking about when we speak about goals. You might be thinking, "Well, I have goals. I want to graduate college and get this job, and I want to live in this kind of house," or, "I want to get a promotion in the next year and I want to be able to retire when I am 62." There is nothing inherently wrong with those kinds of goals. The problem comes when those kind of goals become the only things for which we strive in life. If this happens, our spiritual life suffers. Our family life may suffer.

Most people focus so intently on these material goals that they ignore the goal-setting the Bible talks about. This will go on a lot of times until one of two things happens.

- Either, they look up and see someone who is older than them who has gone down the same path, concerned with money, continually stressed, who has achieved some level of success, but who is lonely and broken. This will cause the person looking at them to say, "I don't want to be like that," and it may lead them to change the course of their direction. That can be a very sobering, eye-opening, sad day in a lot of respects.
- What is even sadder is the second option. Those who are focused on a set of material goals look up a lot of times and see a person who is lonely and broken, *and it is them.* Unfortunately, it may be too late to do a whole lot about it then.

Being committed to a new car is not being committed to a cause. Being committed to paying off your kids' college bill is not being committed to a cause. Abraham was committed to a cause – the fulfillment of the Lord's will. Truly happy people in life are those who work toward something in life that holds eternal value, i.e. something that really matters.