

Sequim Community Church
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WISE LIVING

Proverbs 13:11-15 & I Corinthians 3:11-13

INTRODUCTION:

- A. It's difficult to dream dreams in the midst of our COVID-19 lockdown.
- B. **"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life."** Proverbs 13:12

I. IT'S WISE TO HAVE SOME GREAT GOALS

- A. Our future _____ give us a future (and hope).
Jeremiah talking for God: "For I know the plans I have for you...they are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11
- B. Our ability to _____ future goals has a lot to do with:
- How we view God.
 - Whether we trust Him and His Words to us.
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own [limited] understanding." Proverbs 3:5
- C. Aspiration right now will take a lot of _____.
- Patience and perseverance (waiting and working)
"Seek His Will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:6
 - "Take hold of my instructions; don't let them go. Guard them, for they are the key of life."** Proverbs 4:13

"Pay attention to what I say: Listen carefully to my words. Don't lose sight of them...they bring life to those who find them..." Proverbs 4:21-22

- D. Why not a great goal or two ____?
- "Anyone who builds on that foundation [the foundation of a hopeful future laid by Jesus Christ for us] may use [notice it is up to us to choose] a variety of materials — gold, silver, jewels, wood hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value."** I Corinthians 3:12-13
- E. Great goals _____ discipline and dedication (discipline over the long haul).
"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity but of power, love and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7

II. IMAGINE THE CELEBRATION

- A. **"For the happy heart, life is a continual feast."** Proverbs 15:15
- B. **"A cheerful [optimistic] heart is good medicine [when life is a little ill]."** Proverbs 17:22
- C. **"So run to win...with purpose in every step..."** I Corinthians 9:24
- D. **"...Well done, my good and faithful servant."** Matthew 25:23

CONCLUSION: