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As told by my mother, my dolls began going to Business College and having Big Church Weddings at the time I was about 3 years of age.

You may not find that so strange, but let me finish the story . . . I grew up in a very poor family. My father was a share cropper on a cotton farm in Southeast Missouri.

No one in my family – – not a brother, sister, cousin, aunt, uncle – – nobody – – had ever gone to school past High school, and nobody had ever even attended a Big Church Wedding.

Nobody had any idea where these terms came from! I don't know either.

My mother supported me in my dreams. My father objected intensely. It was just unheard of for a young lady to leave those cotton fields and go to the big city.

Those dreams dominated my life. Everything I did even as a child was directed by my dream. There was no money to pay tuition for Business College and my father knew that, BUT . . .

I did not accept it. When not working in the cotton fields due to weather conditions, I worked in a department store in town. That money went into my bank account which I had for as long as I can remember.

Every penny I could earn went into my bank account to save towards paying school tuition. I helped my mother with her sale of fresh eggs and we quietly placed that money into my bank account.

My Senior class went on a Trip to St. Louis. That cost money which would be needed for tuition. I was the only Senior that did not make that trip. Just one example of what priorities can do.

You probably get the picture . . . I did go to Business College in Memphis. I had a Big Church Wedding. And my life proceeded.

We all have dreams. But do we really set goals to achieve them. Everyone knows that goal setting works, but almost nobody uses goal setting.

Why? What are we going to do about it?

One reason we fail to set goals is fear of failure. We don't want to realize, or have others realize, we were a failure.

Winners don't view failures as failures, but rather as learning experiences and opportunities. Did Thomas Edison succeed the first time he tried to invent the light bulb?

Obstacles will certainly come our way. But if our goal is actually a dream that propels our life, we can correct our course and move steadily toward the goal.

So the only way to guarantee failure is to not set goals at all. Sometimes we expect

a miracle, just not realizing that dreams cannot come true without goal setting.

Dreams will not come true unless we actually DO something. Goals are step by step plans creating the path to dreams. Goals give purpose and direction.

What changes one from a dreamer to a doer?
Goals!

When one has a dream and no goals, they are talkers and not doers. How do you tell what a person really believes? By his actions, not by his words.

Don't wait for a miracle. Take action!

To accomplish great things we must not just have a goal but also dream. Not only a goal, but also believe. _____

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What is a goal? The dictionary defines it as "the place at which a race or a journey is to end". So why set a goal? Well if you don't know where you are going, how can you plan a way to get there?

The first and most important step is discovering what you want the end result to be. Where do you see yourself in a year, five years, or even ten years? Set specific goals, not general ones. If you want to make more money, specify in your goals how much.

The next step is making smaller goals. In order to reach your main goal, where do you need to be in

the next month? How about in the next week? Write it down!

After you have your goals in place, be sure to put them in a place where you can see them daily. Dry erase boards work perfect. Write all your short term and long term goals on them, along with your "To-Do" list. (explained in part 2).

What are you waiting for? Set those goals!

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