

Jer 29:11 NASU

"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope."

Nine Things You Simply Must Do To Succeed in Life and Love

by Dr. Henry Cloud - A Summary - How the Principles Apply to Becoming a Disciple of Jesus

1. Dig it up - Prov 4:23

Determine your heart's desires and your aptitudes

2. Pull the tooth - Heb 12:14-15

Deal with whatever is crushing your spirit (the "brain drain" items)

ie. grudges, grief, guilt, fear, etc.

3. Play the movie - 1 Cor 9:26-27

Plot a movie - envision your relationships, your spiritual life, your career, your health, your finances. See it, plan it, and then evaluate each scene you write everyday in light of how you want the movie to end.

4. Do something - Col 3:23-24

Be proactive - make things happen.

5. Act like an ant - Prov 6:6-8

Achieve your goals by taking tiny steps over time.

6. Hate well - Prov 6:16-19

Hate the things that God hates; pride, lying, murder, scheming, evil, perjury, divisiveness.

7. Don't play fair - Rom 12:17-19

Treat others better than they treat you.

8. Be humble - Psalm 18:27

Be willing to be known for who you are.

9. Upset the right people - Luke 6:26

If the controlling, hot and cold, irresponsible, mean or manipulative people in your life are upset with you, be encouraged!

Matt 25:14-21 NASU

14 "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. 15 "To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. 16 "Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. 17 "In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 "The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, "Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents." 21 "His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

