

International Central Gospel Church - ICGC
MY 20-YEAR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(2014 - 2034)

Name: _____

Current Age _____ Age by 2034 _____

Genesis 13:14–15 (NKJV) — 14 *And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; 15 for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.*

Habakkuk 2:2–3 (NKJV) — 2 *Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.*

God first showed Abraham what his future could be like. He then asked Abraham to take action to possess the future. He also told Habakkuk to clearly write the vision. Similarly, we can envisage our future and write down the steps we want to take to get there. **What kind of future do you see for yourself?**

This planning guide is designed to help you plan the next 20 years of your life. You can amend it or use it as it is. You can also go online or research into other available formats.

Whatever happens, take up the challenge of planning your future.

Start with your 20-year goals and work your way backwards. You can carve out a 15-year plan, a 10-year plan, a 5-year plan and finally a one-year plan to get you started.

No plan is perfect. You cannot control all the variables of your life. However, your plan can be like the navigating instruments of a pilot. When the weather changes or turbulence sets in, it will help you keep your eyes on your intended destination and find your way.

Whether you plan for the future or not, the future will become your reality in time. Take time to carefully plan ahead.

In planning for the next 20 years, think carefully about these four questions. They provide a framework for setting your major goals. In the next 20 years...

1. What kind of person will I want to be? **CHARACTER**
2. What should I have achieved? **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
3. What should I be doing? **OCCUPATION**
4. What should I own? **ASSETS**

Defining Your Dream Or Purpose

Defining your dream or purpose makes planning more meaningful. The questions below will help you carve a dream, document it and motivate yourself to passionately pursue it:

1. What am I enthusiastic about? _____

2. What have I always wanted to become? _____

3. What gives me the greatest fulfillment? _____

4. What do I constantly imagine about my future? _____

5. What do I do best with the least effort? _____

6. What has my past experiences prepared me for? _____

7. What has my education and training equipped me to do? _____

8. Which one thing would I do if I knew I could not fail? _____

9. What do I want to be remembered for? _____

Other Important Questions

1. How would I want my children to describe/remember me? _____

2. How would I want my spouse to describe/remember me? _____

3. What is my most important strength(s)? _____

4. What is my biggest weakness(es)? _____

5. What can I change about myself to make me a better person? _____

Personal Relationships Assessment

1. Which friendships are the most valuable to me? _____

 2. Which friendships distract me from my goals in life? _____

 3. What new relationships are needed in my life? _____

- *Remember: Friends are like elevators. They either take you up or bring you down.*

MY 20-YEAR PLAN/GOALS (A Summary Of My Life 20 Years From Now)

1. **Spiritual:** _____

2. **Ministry:** _____

3. **Family/ Relational:** _____

4. **Health/Fitness:** _____

5. **Educational/Personal Development:** _____

- 6. **Career/Occupational:** _____

- 7. **Financial/Investment:** _____

- 8. **Real Estate/Infrastructure:** _____

- 9. **Societal Impact/Legacy:** _____

- 10. **Overall Summary/Description:** In 20 Years, I will be _____

My Personal Commitments For Year One (First Year Plan)

To achieve your 20-year goal you have to commit to do some things on a REGULAR basis. These are some goals you can work with in the FIRST YEAR of your 20-year plan.

As the grace of God abounds toward me, I commit myself to accomplishing the following goals this year (The more specific your goals the easier it is to measure them as you go.):

A. Spiritual Goals *(eg. I'll bring order into my life by avoiding a life of sin/ I commit to start each day with a half hour of prayer and bible study)*

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

B. Ministry Goals *(eg. I will enroll as a church worker and serve God with my gifts and talents)*

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

C. Family/Relational Goals *(eg. I'll model Christ to my children/I'll invest in my children's education/ I'm committed to marriage for life so I'll treat my spouse with respect and appreciation)*

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

D. Health & Fitness Goals *(I'll exercise thrice a week/I'll eat healthy/Do my annual check-up/ I'll rest well)*

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

E. Educational/Personal Development Goals (*I'll start a post-graduate degree/I'll read one good book a month/I'll enroll for a professional course*)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

F. Career & Occupational Goals (*I'll set up my business/I'll be the best manager in my company*)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

G. Financial/Investment Goals (*I'll pay my first fruit faithfully and regularly/I'll save and invest at least 10% of my income/I'll prepare a will/I'll work towards becoming financially independent*)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

H. Real Estate/Infrastructure Goals (*I'll invest in an acre of land/I'll lay the foundation for my house*)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Examples Of Yearly Goals (For Various Aspects of Your Life)

- Have a more intimate relationship with God
- Live right and stop ungodly lifestyles
- Read one book on spiritual development every month
- Serve God with my talents in Church
- Propose marriage to my fiancé
- Work on becoming a better spouse
- Increase communication with my family
- Spend more time with my children
- Love my spouse more
- Read books on marriage to make me a better spouse
- Schedule a regime of regular exercise
- Follow a strict measured weight loss programme
- Eliminate fatty foods; eat right; eat healthy food
- Enroll in school to earn a degree (Bachelors, Masters or PhD)
- Take continuous education/professional courses
- Increase my computer skills through self-tutoring
- Find a job in a field I am passionate about
- Allocate 10-15% of my income into investment
- Cut down unplanned and wasteful expenses and eliminate debt by the end of the year
- Invest in buying a house
- Prepare for my children's education right from their birth.
- Invest in the stock market
- Start a new business

We serve a God who is able to take the people the world sees as ordinary and transform them into winners. No matter where you are starting from, commit to this process of lifelong transformation. Take time to prayerfully and thoughtfully write out this plan. Believe with all your heart that God is with you and is committed to give you the victory. Keep your plan close by and let it guide your actions everyday. Remain faithful to God and over the next 20 years you will see you life blossom as you climb all the way to the top. God richly bless you.

- Pastor Mensa Otabil