

HOPES AND AMBITIONS

PREPARING FOR A NEW SEASON

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Your life consists of many facets: personal, family, friends, ministry, extra-circulars, school, work, etc. These areas should be seen in light of God's kingdom and righteousness. Today, while you think about your life and the hopes and ambitions you have for the new season you are entering, ask yourself if anything is distracting you from God. If there is, remove it. Next, ask God to give you wisdom and a godly mindset and heart as you seek growth in different areas of your life. God should be at the center of all of your life's ambitions.

DIRECTIONS

On the following pages, write a category in each box. Then, brainstorm your hopes and ambitions for what you want to accomplish in those areas.

Once you have completed your brainstorm page, prayerfully ask God if there is anything you should add, adjust, or remove from your lists. Sometimes this process can take a few days of meditation, don't feel the need to rush it. Once you feel at peace, re-write your hopes and ambitions neatly on a different handout.

Note: I have provided different versions of the handout. Choose the one you like best, or write your thoughts in a page in your notebook or calendar. Wherever you record your new hopes and ambitions, keep it somewhere you can view it often so you can make more specific plans during the months and weeks.

EXAMPLE

Personal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read all the letters in the Bible• Read three books I already own• Develop healthier habits (movement, eating, supplements, rest)• Grow in teaching (find workshops, research, find opportunities to practice)

Family
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan for individual mommy and daddy date nights (aim for once a month)• Plan a family trip and a husband/wife only trip• Plan intentional times to spend with grandparents and cousins

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Going into this new season I want to remember:

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