

Dreaming Big Dreams

Plugging into God's Good Plan for My Life

*"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord,
thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope"
Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)*

Spiritual

Growing in Knowing God and in the Disciplines of Walking with Him

My Dreams: _____

Scriptures: _____

My Responsibilities: _____

Prayer and Trust: _____

Educational

Acquiring Knowledge and Skills to Be Used for God's Glory

My Dreams: _____

Scriptures: _____

My Responsibilities: _____

Prayer and Trust: _____

*"Call to Me, and I will answer you,
and show you great and mighty things which you do not know"
Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)*

Relational

**Developing the Qualities Which Will Make Me
a Better Family Member and Friend**

My Dreams: _____

Scriptures: _____

My Responsibilities: _____

Prayer and Trust: _____

Marriage & Family

Praying for and Preparing for My Future Spouse and Children

My Dreams: _____

Scriptures: _____

My Responsibilities: _____

Prayer and Trust: _____

Career

Recognizing and Preparing for God's Place for Me in the Marketplace

My Dreams: _____

Scriptures: _____

My Responsibilities: _____

Prayer and Trust: _____

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own
understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)*

How to Use the Dreaming Big Dreams Worksheet

What the Dreaming Big Dreams worksheet is about . . .

This is a tool to help you think about and pray about God's plan for your life. William Carey said, "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God." So dream big! Just make certain that you dream things in line with the Bible and that you are trusting God to lead you.

Why it is important to dream *now* . . .

You may feel that you are in a "holding pattern", that as a young person you are not allowed to live your life yet, that all you are allowed to do is to prepare to live it. You may find this frustrating.

It may help you to remember that *life is preparing*. Companies are constantly in the process of developing new products and preparing to introduce them to the market. They train and prepare their employees to practice new skills. Individuals prepare for retirement. And everyone should spend a lifetime preparing for eternity.

Besides that, you are already making the *biggest* decisions of your life *right now*. Adults in untold millions would love to have your opportunity again. What you are doing for a living at age sixty-four will, in a large part, be determined by the decisions you make about study habits and school right now. Who you grow old with (or how many people you will be married to) will be the result of the decisions you make as a teenager concerning dating, sex, and marriage. How you think, what you value, and how you will live is being shaped right now in a thousand seemingly small ways. But they are not so small and you are not just preparing for life - you are living it!

This is a process . . .

This worksheet is not something you sit down and fill out in one sitting. It is to help you in a process. As you grow as a Christian and as events unfold, your understanding of God's will for your life will become clearer and clearer. You may gradually fine-tune your understanding of God's exact plan for you. You will find that you want to change some of your notes. You will reach some of the goals which you set. You will then need to ask God for some fresh goals. And you may just run out of room, too. That is why you were given more than one worksheet.

So what are the blanks for? . . .

There are five sections on this worksheet. They are there to remind you to think about the various priorities for your life. If you are not certain where to record an item, pick the one which seems to fit best to you .

My Dreams

What are your God-given goals in life? These will involve specific ideas about what you should do and what kind of person you should become. It will include areas in which you need to improve and grow. Some will involve future events which you are entrusting to God.

Scriptures

When you find yourself desiring to do something or to improve in some area of life, go to the Bible and see what the Lord has to say about it. Look for *commands to obey, promises to claim, examples to follow, mistakes to avoid, and insights to learn*. Write the Bible references on the worksheet and mark them in your Bible. Think on these passages. Sometimes you may feel impressed to memorize one of them.

My Responsibilities

What does God expect of you as you move toward the dreams He has given you? Think about the practical steps of obedience involved. Are there personal qualities you need to develop? Disciplines you need to strengthen? Are there attitudes you need to change? Do you need to acquire or sharpen a skill? Is there a subject you need to "read up on?" Do you need to seek advice from someone more experienced? What specific steps should you be taking now? Ask God to show you your responsibilities and begin to fulfill them.

Trust and Prayer

God-given dreams are dependant upon God. We do not control our own destiny. Jeremiah once admitted to the Lord, "The way of a man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his won steps" (Jeremiah 10:23 NKJV). This is why praying for Gods' guidance is so important. Not only should we ask Him to lead us, but we should also trust Him to work in our circumstances, doing that which only He can do. List the things which you are trusting Him to do in for these dreams to be fulfilled. Use the worksheet as prayer-list.

Refer to your worksheets often . . .

Refer to your worksheet on a regular basis. As the Holy Spirit leads, give yourself periodic progress reports. Remember, it isn't the worksheet that makes the difference, but following the principles of walking with God that it teaches.

You can download this worksheet and set of instructions free by going to the "youth work" section of the Baptist Start Page - <http://www.baptiststart.com>