

## #11) GET ORGANIZED

**Failure to plan is a plan to fail.**

**"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."  
(Matthew 11:28)**

**On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate the order in your life?  
On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your planning?**

Journaling helps you get organized. So many people have asked me, "Randy, can you help me get organized?" So what I decided to do is write this e-book and prepare online courses combined with accountability (real life coaching) to train others to journal, who in turn can train more people, in essence creating disciples who disciple others.

**Journaling helps reduce the noise in your life which helps you plan better and become more organized.** Many people reject the notion of planning and setting goals. It's been said, "We want to live like there's no tomorrow, but we want to plan like we'll live forever."

I personally use The Journal software to set and follow through with daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly goals. While I don't profess to have my whole act together, this definitely help me stay on track. God doesn't want us to be like a pinball bouncing randomly all over. I believe God wants to send and steer us like cruise missiles.

In his book "The Total Money Makeover," Dave Ramsey writes, "**You can get anywhere if you simply go one step at a time...** The way you eat an elephant is one bite at a time. Find something to do and do that with vigor until it is complete; then and only then do you move to the next step. If you try to do everything at once, you will fail.

**The power of focus is what causes our baby steps to work. When you try to do everything at once, progress can be very slow...** Because you attack several areas at once, you don't finish anything you start for a long time. That makes you feel that you aren't accomplishing anything, which is very dangerous... The power of focus is that it works. Things happen... The power of priority causes the baby steps to work.

Brian Tracy, a motivational speaker, says "**What does it take to succeed on a big scale?** A tremendous God-given talent? Inherited wealth? A decade of postgraduate education? Connections? Fortunately, for most of us, what it takes it something very simple and accessible: **clear, written goals.**" According to Brian Tracy, a study of Harvard graduates found that after two years, the 3 percent who had written goals achieved more financially than the other 97 percent combined!"