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To accomplish anything in life, we must set a goal and devote our energy and time to achieving it. When people don't realize that God has objectives in mind for their lives, they just float aimlessly. Not only does God have specific aims for each of us individually, but He also has goals that apply universally to all believers, such as a relentless, lifelong pursuit of humility.

Humility is more than a healthy view of our merit; it is a servant's attitude that acknowledges total dependence on God. Few people are excited about pursuing humility because it's considered a weakness. But if we understand God's view of it, we'll realize that humility is an extremely significant quality. [Philippians 2:3](#) says, "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves." In order of priority, Jesus comes first, others are second, and we are last.

We speak emphatically about loving others, forgiving unconditionally, and acting with kindness. But the root of these actions is humility. To be able to love and forgive others, we must be willing to recognize their great worth in God's eyes and the magnitude of His compassion and forgiveness toward mankind. [Ephesians 4:32](#) says, "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

If we think only of how we feel, what's convenient for us, or how we can profit from a situation, we won't be demonstrating Jesus' love. However, when humility is our goal,

then love, forgiveness, and kindness will grow out of it.

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