

RACING TO WIN

Establish Your Game Plan For Success

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MAIN IDEA

Success in anything in life is never an accident. It has to be planned for and worked towards – you need a game plan that incorporates everything needed to make it work. A good game plan has six key elements and a strong foundation:



Note especially the foundation for a good game plan is spiritual. Joe Gibbs is passionate about his belief in God and in the relevancy of the Holy Bible, and that colors everything he thinks and does. It also impacts on each and every element of his game plan for success.

“Today, I’m convinced that true success is impossible without a strong spiritual commitment. If you have a thriving relationship with God, the race is already on. You’re just waiting for this race to end and the heavenly race to begin. Remember, life is tough, but it can also be tremendous! Race hard. Follow the game plan. Race to win!”

– Joe Gibbs

“My strongest foundation for success has not been physical or material. Rather, it has been spiritual. And that’s not a cute cliché or a thinly disguised attempt to trick you into converting to my style of religion, either. Fact is, all the ‘religion’ in the world will never lead you to success in this life or the next. I’m telling you straight out: The greatest factor in my success has been my personal relationship with God. You can take it or leave it. I’m no theologian; I’m just a coach. But I know a good gameplan when I see one, and I’ve found the best plan of all in the Bible. And I’m speaking from experience when I say this stuff works. You may be an accountant, a writer, a homemaker, a schoolteacher, a football coach or an expert in some other field; but whatever you do for a living, God wants you to do it well. He wants us to be great at our occupations, not just average, and he has given us the gifts and the help to make it happen. My advice is to check out God’s game plan in the Bible. Find out what God says about achieving success in your vocational calling.”

– Joe Gibbs

Foundation – Your Own Spiritual Beliefs Page 2

The first step in developing a game plan is to define and clarify your own spiritual beliefs. Until you make a personal decision where your heart lies, your game plan will be incomplete and lacking power.

1. Build your career intelligently Page 3

Based on your own personal religious beliefs, the key to a successful career is to build a strong relationship with God. That will give direction and meaning to the career path you pursue.

2. Handle your finances astutely. Page 4

Money is never really about how much of it you have, but how much money has you. The key to a successful life lies in the way you choose to use whatever level of money you have.

3. Surround yourself with a good team Page 5

Nothing matches the thrill of building a team of world-class performers. The better the team you can build around you, the more success you will enjoy and achieve in life.

4. Have strong personal relationships Page 6

Success is only fun if you have the people you care the most about there to share it with you. Therefore, have a good balance – work just as hard on your personal relationships as you do on your career.

5. Make consistently good choices Page 7

Regardless of what we might think and say, what we believe determines how we behave. The key to making good choices consistently is to build your character and have integrity.

6. Protect your health and fitness Page 8

Irrespective of whatever else you may achieve, without good health you cannot enjoy it. The key to good health is to realize there is a strong connection between your body, mind and spirit.

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