

# Dear Future Self

Letters to Myself

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Our Current Vantage Point Determines the View of our Future Self

If you want to make God laugh, tell him about your plans. -Woody Allen

## Remember Where You Started

You can't know how far you've come unless you're willing to look back to where you started.

*“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.*

*-Matthew 25:14-15*

Where did your journey begin?

## Look How Far You've Come & Celebrate your progress.

*The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.*

*But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.*

*“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.*

*The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’*

*“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’*

*“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’*

*“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’*

-Matthew 25:16-23

Well done, good and faithful servant!

Spend more time focusing on your progress than your failures.

Have you done your very best with the gifts God has given you? Where have you seen God at work along the way.

Recognizing progress can be a powerful motivator for the future.

### **Buckle Up**

*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.*

*Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.*

*But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

-Philippians 3:12-14

No matter where you are today, or in your future, the journey isn't over.

I'm never going to be my hero. I'm not going to obtain that and that's fine with me because it keeps me with somebody to keep on chasing.

-Matthew McConaughey

*I have come that you might have life, and have it to the fullest.*

-John 10:10

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

-Jeremiah 29:11

*Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

-Galatians 6:9

Remember where you started, celebrate your progress and God's faithfulness, and buckle up for the future God has in store for you.

**God's not done with you yet!**