



Planning For Your Future

The purpose of this curriculum is to help children begin thinking strategically about what they want to do when they grow up and how they can begin planning now. The purpose is not to tell the students what they should be doing but to guide them in how they can plan for themselves. Planning strategically makes it possible for students to recognize problems, obstacles and weaknesses ahead of time, then to plan around them or find ways to minimize their impact. It also helps students to focus their efforts on their goals and be more effective.

Blackboard Discussion

Reflection

- Who do you admire?
- What qualities do they have that you think contributed to their success?
- What are some of your strengths?
- What do you need to work on?

What do you want to be?

- If you could do anything, what would you like to do?
- What jobs are in demand?
- What problems do people want solved?
- What training is available?

How will you get there?

Timing:

- What can you do right now?
 - Stay in school, get good grades
 - Research job or university requirements
- What should you do later?
 - Choose trade schools or university
 - Look for scholarships for entrance fees
 - Pass entrance exams

Resources:

- Money/Scholarships – churches, schools, C.D.F., earnings, loans, etc.
- Mentors – for contacts and guidance
- Knowledge – read and ask questions; volunteer in the field; learn all you can
- Your energy and persistence!
- Trust of others in you
- Visit those who have succeeded
- Other resources you may have

Remember! If there were no obstacles, you wouldn't need to plan. The plan helps you overcome the obstacles and focus your efforts.

Slogans for the wall:

- "Failing to plan is planning to fail."
- "Anyone who fails to plan for their future isn't likely to have one (at least not one that they want)"
- "It is better to aim for perfection and miss, than to aim for something lower and achieve it."
~Tom Watson, IBM