

Goal Setting: Questions to Ask Yourself

Most goals fail not from lack of effort, but from poor definition at the start. The questions below help you get specific – about what you actually want, what you're willing to trade for it, and whether it fits your situation. Answering them honestly is more useful than any framework or syste



Understanding Goal Setting: The Foundation of Success

Goal setting is the deliberate act of choosing what you want to achieve but it goes deeper than picking a desirable outcome. It demands honest reckoning with the sacrifices and trade-offs you're willing to make to get there.

Think of goals as a boat's rudder: they set direction. But your systems and daily habits are the oars - they determine whether you actually move. Without consistent effort, goals are just intentions.

Goals sharpen your focus and define your destination. But it's the processes you build and the actions you repeat that close the gap between where you are and where you want to be.



✓ Remember: **Direction without action is merely a dream, but action without direction is chaos**

Goals as Direction

Like a boat's rudder, goals set your course and define a clear destination

Systems as Progress

Daily habits and sustained action are the oars that actually move you forward

Integration is Key

Direction and action must work in tandem—neither alone produces meaningful achievement

The Essential Questions for Effective Goal Setting

Before setting any goal, examine your motivations, capabilities, and circumstances honestly. These questions ensure your goals are not only achievable – but genuinely aligned with where you want your life to go.

1 What do I truly want to achieve and why does it matter to me personally?

Look beneath surface-level desires to uncover real motivations and the values that drive them

2 What am I willing to sacrifice or give up to reach this goal?

An honest reckoning with trade-offs prevents unrealistic expectations and deepens commitment

3 How will I measure progress along the way, not just at the end?

Set meaningful milestones that sustain motivation through the inevitable hard stretches

4 What systems and daily habits will support this goal?

Pinpoint the consistent, practical actions that will drive steady progress forward

Additional Reflective Questions

- Does this goal align with my core identity and values?
- What obstacles will I face – and how will I overcome them?
- Who can support me in achieving this goal?
- How will this goal affect other areas of my life?
- Is this goal challenging enough to promote real growth?
- Can I sustain the effort required over the long term?

The Clarity Reset is a focused 2-session programme that helps you identify exactly what you want and what's getting in the way. If you're ready to stop circling and start moving, let's talk.

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These questions transform goal setting from wishful thinking into strategic clarity – anchoring your objectives in authentic purpose rather than outside expectation.