

Create Your Own Plan

Celebrated NFL football coach and NASCAR team owner, Joe Gibbs, puts it this way: “A win in football starts with a game plan. In racing it starts with a race plan. The same goes for life. You want to win? You need a winning game plan. My experience has taught me that the only winning game plan for life is God’s game plan — and it starts with the Bible.”¹

This is why you’ll notice that the first thing on the following seven-part game plan I created involves the Scriptures.

1. I will start each day with at least seven minutes of Bible and/or devotional reading and prayer. (Feel free to increase this amount as soon as you are in the habit).
2. I will meet with my spouse or roommate every week to update them on what I have been doing and on my job-search plans for the next week.
3. I will select a companion with whom I can be totally honest and accountable, and meet with them weekly. (This should not be the person in point two.)
4. I will set up at least one networking appointment each day and/or make a minimum of ten calls per day pertaining to my job search.
5. I will attend at least one meeting pertaining to job skills per week at a local career center.
6. I will spend at least two hours per week doing volunteer work, such as with a church, mission, ministry or nursing home.
7. I will review and adjust my game plan on a weekly basis.

This is just a starting place. Whether you use my game plan or create your own, remember the words of Proverbs 16:3: “Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”

POINTS TO PONDER:

Read Proverbs 15:22. Why do our plans fail, and what is necessary for them to succeed? Who are the people in your life who are having a positive impact on

¹ Joe Gibbs, *NIV Game Plan for Life Bible* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012), viii.