

Frustration of this kind also results when unrealistic goals are set. There is a man in Uruguay who set as his goal, visiting every home in that country. He purposed to leave with each person encountered by a verbal witness for Jesus Christ, along with appropriate literature. He was a very buoyant, zestful individual who appeared to be anything but frustrated. The fact was that he was well on his way to achieving his seemingly impossible goal. He had already visited all the homes outside of Montevideo and was working through the capital city at the time he was encountered. What would have been impossible for some was simply a challenge to this energetic man.

There is everything right about setting high goals. In doing so, a man must realistically evaluate his ability and gifts and set his sights on a goal that is achievable. Here we must be cautious for there are some startling exceptions to what seems to be the rule.

Recently, the story was heard of a junior high school girl who was the object of ridicule by her classmates. She weighed over two hundred pounds in her early teens and wore glasses as thick as bottle bottoms. One day the teacher was going around the room asking each person what they were going to be when they got older. The other kids were anticipating what this fat, bespectacled girl was going to say. When it came her turn she said: "I'm going to be the greatest woman tennis player in the world." The reaction can be easily imagined. The little girl grew up to be Billie Jean King, whose name is known even by people who would not know a half volley from a double fault.