

*If you are going to have the future you dream of, you must go to work now for that future*

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He had been something of a trouble maker for most of his life. In fact, his latest scheme had ended so badly for him that he had to leave home with little hope of returning. All he had going for him was the name of a distant relative, his wits, and a newfound relationship with the Lord.

Then he met Rachel. And now Jacob knew what his future held, for he had met the girl of his dreams. However, just knowing what the goal was did not guarantee results; Jacob had to work to make it happen. He made a deal with her father, and began to prove himself and provide for his future. The Lord had given Jacob hope for a better tomorrow, but He still expected him to take part in the plan. Through this experience, Jacob learned an important lesson he passed on to at least one of his sons. Can't you hear him telling his son, the dreamer, not to give up when things become difficult? "Remember, Joseph, If you are going to have the future you dream of, you must go to work now for that future."

That is still good advice today!

*Prayer for Today*

Father, Your Word says You have a good plan for my life, to give me hope and a future! As I look forward to the future that awaits me, please show me the things I need to do now to make it happen. Thank You, Father, for giving me strength to work hard for what lies ahead.

*Scripture for Today*

Genesis 29:18 Since Jacob was in love with Rachel, he told her father, "I'll work for you seven years if you'll give me Rachel, your younger daughter, as my wife." (NLT)