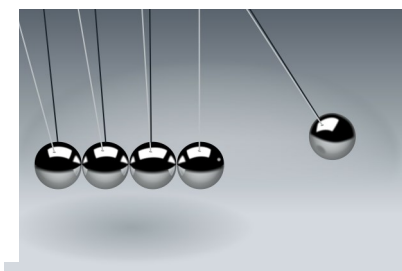




GOAL SETTING

MODULE 4: LONG TERM GOALS LONG TERM GOALS

Action Steps... Getting
closer to reach my
goal



ACTION TIP

Below you will find instances when having a clear idea of your long term goal can benefit you:

1. *When you are applying for a job and the interviewer asks, "What are your long term goals?"*

Having an idea of where you want to be in the next few years tells the interviewer the type of person you are. If your response includes saying that you want to go back to school and get a degree in something unrelated to the field, then the interviewer might not consider you for the job. If you answer something along the lines of breaking down your long term goal into shorter goals, accepting responsibility in order to make the organization grow, then you have a way of saying that you have specific goals that inspire confidence and commitment.

2. *When you are planning for your life in general not knowing in which direction to turn.*

Knowing what you want is challenging, but it helps to know that by establishing guidelines and expectations, you know you can get to the desired destination. A long term goal does not need to be inscribed on a stone, the goal can change from time to time. It is a matter of moving at your own pace with the deadlines established for yourself.

3. *When you are planning your budget for life.*

You can be planning for retirement or you can be a newlywed who is planning a budget for a new family. Knowing your long term goal will benefit your new family and also make you aware of the new things that will be coming your way.

4. *When you are evaluating a career change/advancement.*

Knowing what career change or advancement you are seeking will allow you to focus on your long term goals in order to move forward. Changing, improving or advancing your career are opportunities for growth: to know what you want and to get to where you plan. In order to know how to get there and how to plan your roadmap for success, you need to know in which direction to go.