- **Be sure you have a goal, not a dream.**
- **Be sure you are capable of achieving the goal.**
- **Be sure the goal is in your best interest.**
- Be sure your goal is challenging enough to help you make progress.
- **Be sure your goal is clear and well defined.**
- **Be sure your goal has a time limit.**
- Be sure the goal is something that can be measured to show your progress.
- Be sure to have a plan to follow or implement to achieve success.
- Be sure to believe in yourself and persist when hurdles get in your way.
- Be sure to share your goal with someone who will encourage and guide you to success.
- **Be sure to celebrate when you succeed.**
- Be ready to rewrite your goal with smaller steps, if it is not achievable at the present time.

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