Chapter 16: Completion Timeline Strategies

> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it – lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish" (Luke 14:28-30).

YOUR NOTES:

Plan with the _____ in mind.

o **How does Luke 14:28-30 apply to Bible translation?**

o **What things should be considered as translators develop a plan?**

o **As you think of planning to finish well, what does *finish* mean to you?**

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Possible issues/challenges:

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Resources in our community:

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<u>Timeline of Goals</u>
52 weeks in a year
New Testament: about 8,000 verses.
The NT could be completely drafted in

_____ with six translators

drafting about 25 verses per week.

Old Testament: about 23,000 verses.
The OT could be completely drafted in

_____ with six translators

drafting about 25 verses per week.

Consider the group you are planning to train.

How many translators are there? ____

How many verses do you think each

could draft in a week? _____

Completion Timeline Strategies

What kind of goal would you like to set for your completion of the NT (or OT)? _____

Will you need to recruit more translators? _____

If so, how will you do that?

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How will you get together to do the checking steps?

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Could you plan a weekly or monthly group checking?

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Will you do checking together or online? _____

How will you keep track of who is drafting and checking each portion and what work has been accomplished?

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What value do you see in making a goal?

When you train participants of a new translation project, you will need to have a conversation with them (or their leaders) to discuss these questions.

What other questions might be helpful?

Review of Core Concepts:
- Project leaders should plan from the beginning to finish well.
- There will be challenges, but planning ahead and assessing community resources to face those challenges can keep teams from getting discouraged.
- The leadership team is responsible for motivating and keeping translators accountable.