

The Correspondent



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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place.
(1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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What Are Your Spiritual Goals for the New Year?

With this being the beginning of a new year, I am sure that most of us have given some thought to things we would like to improve. However, these new year resolutions tend to be geared toward earthly things (health, finances, work, etc.). I want to encourage us to make sure we are making spiritual goals for ourselves. Just as you would not lose weight without formulating a goal and a plan as to how to achieve it, you cannot reach spiritual goals without developing a plan for them.

Perhaps set a goal in spiritual study. After all, we are told how important continuous study is in scripture (Acts 17:11, 1 Peter 2:1-2). For many who work full time or have children who are involved in various activities, it can be difficult to make time to study God's word each day. Start with a simply daily reading schedule. There are many that can be found on the Internet. To enhance this type of study, anytime you see a word that is unfamiliar or read a verse that you do not understand, take a few minutes to think about it, and maybe refer to some trustworthy commentaries to help gain better understanding. While it may not seem like much, the knowledge that will be accumulated over the days, weeks, and months will have a tremendous impact on your spiritual health.

Or, set a goal in evangelism. As Christians, we each have an individual responsibility to share the gospel (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 8:4). Every week, try to reach out to someone about Christ. Invite them to worship, invite them to dinner, take an interest in their life and a door will be opened to share the gospel with them. Imagine if every Christian in our congregation could convert just one person this year. Think of all the souls that would be saved, all the people who would have their name written in the book of life. Think of the joy that would be produced in heaven (Luke 15:7).

There is no shortage of spiritual goals that we can set for ourselves this year. In this new year, let us truly put our attention and affection in the things that are above (Colossians 3:1-2).

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