

## A New Beginning

As we begin a new year, we typically make resolutions and set goals to accomplish during the coming 12 months. They tell us that goal setting is important for us and helps us maintain forward mobility in our lives. No one ever improves while sitting still. Christians should set spiritual goals for themselves in order to continue the journey of spiritual maturity which is, by the way, a journey of a lifetime.

Here are a few suggestions for our spiritual goals:

- **Daily Prayer and Bible Reading**  
*Pray without ceasing... (1 Thessalonians 5:17)*  
*Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.*  
*(1 Timothy 4:13)*
- **Continue to Develop the Fruits of the Spirit**  
*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22–23)*
- **Increase My Love, Benevolence and Care for Others**  
*But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (Hebrews 13:16)*
- **Improve My Attendance & Time Spent with the Church**  
*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. (Acts 2:42)*
- **Increase My Involvement in Evangelism**  
*How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?*  
*(Romans 10:14)*

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