

## Goal Setting for 2007

Have you started setting your goals for next year? Let me encourage you to set a goal that would greatly benefit you, the Lord's church, and the world around us. This goal is simply to build and strengthen your relationship with God. You may be asking, "How can I attain that goal?"

**Read and study God's word.** God blessed us with his word complete and inerrant. By reading it we develop faith, find comfort, and are directed in the way we should live. There are many opportunities for us to increase our knowledge of God's word. (Sunday School, Wednesday Night Bible Classes, Monday Night Bible Class, Evangelism University, Horizons, Church Camp, Leadership Workshops, Lectureships)

**Spend time in worship to God.** The congregation at Calvert comes together to worship at least three times a week. There are also youth devotionals and gospel meetings.

**Talk to God.** Prayer is a gift of a loving listening Father who is always there to hear.

**Build relationships with God's people.** This congregation has numerous activities that assist us in fellowshipping one another, but don't just depend on activities. Open up your home and share a meal with another family. Christian friends are a tremendous strength.

**Bring someone to Christ.** Look for opportunities to study with the lost so they might be saved.

**Restore the lost.** You may know a Christian who is unfaithful and walking away from God. Pray for them and admonish them to be restored to God.

**Be benevolent.** If you see a need that you can meet, then meet it. You will make a difference.

May we all set a goal of "Strengthening our Relationship with God." It is definitely a goal that will benefit you, the Lord's church, and the world around us.

*In Him,*

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