Christian Goals

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INTRODUCTION

- I'm going to talk tonight about some Christian goals, and as I get started, I have to make a confession.
- This particular list was composed by several Christians that are here tonight, and they are the teenage class.

1 Pray More Daily

Matthew 26:39; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

- I think prayer is probably one of the greatest blessings, one of the greatest privileges that we have as a Christian.
- Yet not as I will, but as thou wilt.
- When we pray, our first concern should be what is God's will, not what is our will.
- The point of praying without ceasing is that we pray with some degree of regularity, that we pray on a regular basis.

2 Attend Bible Study and All Services

Hebrews 10:23–25

- Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.
- We are directly commanded not to forsake the assembly.
- There's a difference between missing and forsaking the assembly.
- Am I missing for an acceptable reason or am I forsaking the assembly?

3 Worship in Truth and Spirit; Prepare Class Lessons

Matthew 15:7–9; 1 Corinthians 11:27–29; Colossians 3:16

- I think worshiping in spirit means that we need to worship from the heart.
- I think in truth means that we need to do more than just worship with emotion.
- This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me. But in vain do they worship me.
- You can't have questions about the lesson material if you don't know what the lesson material is.
- Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you with all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another.
- I think preparing for class is more than just having your question sheets answered. I think it's studying and researching the material.

4 Respect Others More

1 Corinthians 12:12–14; Acts 4:32–35; Hebrews 12:12–15

- The first one has to do with unity within the body of Christ.
- If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. If one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.
- I think it also means that we need to be attentive to those who are in need.
- Simply put we are to look out for one another. And I think that's inherent in respecting each other.

5 Teach Others by Their Own Examples

Ephesians 4:1; Ephesians 5:1; 1 John 3:10

- They wanted to teach others by their own examples, by the things they do, the things they say, the people they run around with.
- When we wear that name Christian, we're in the spotlight all the time.
- It tells the world that we're children of God or we're not.

6 Teach One Non-Christian

Mark 16:15–16; Galatians 6:10

- Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved.
- We're commanded specifically to teach, to share the gospel with others.
- Do what you can as you have opportunity to do it. Look for those opportunities.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Am I a 6.4% Christian? And nobody can answer that except you.**

MY NOTES