

Pressing On!

THINK SHEET

2024

*Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal of the upward call of God.*

--Philippians 3: 13, 14

Use the list below to help you think through and set growth goals for yourself for the next year. Some of these are about your walk with God. Some about your walk with people and self. Write down what you decide on. Please share these goals and thoughts with a Christian friend. It will promote accountability and help you.

This church:

- What is your attendance pattern at worship services? Are you there every Sunday? Is it part of a way of saying "God comes first" in my life?
- What percentage of your income will you give to the Lord's work in 2024? What will your financial giving goal be for each week or month? How does that compare with last year?
- Would you be willing to serve the Lord by letting a Council member know about ways you can help out around the church with duties that need being done, work on a committee, on Council, Nursery, Gems, Cadets, teach Sunday School? What are some ways you could use your spiritual gifts/skills/time. What new ideas have you had about this?
- Home Bible Studies/Small Groups are great ways to build meaningful friendships in the church. Are you in one? All across the world people love small groups for developing meaningful relationships with other people. Who could you ask to join yours? What brand new small group might you want to start up?

Family/friends:

- How do you serve God as a family? What do you do to have your family structure reflect Jesus?
 - What will you do to spend time together? If married do you take walks together? When?
- As a parent be sure you have a good discipline system worked out and follow it consistently. Do you invite people over to your home? Go out for lunch or get coffee together? Play a game together?
- What would your kids want you to spend more time doing with them? Ask them for suggestions.
 - Do you have at least one meal together a day. When do you pray/read the Bible or devotional book together. Have fun planning a Family Vacation! What new friend can you get to know better? What old friend can you get together with again?

Your job:

- Do you work hard, try to be honest, and have integrity on your job?
- How do you do your job "unto the Lord," as a way to serve God and others?

Yourself:

•**Renew daily devotions.** When and where do you *pray*, read the Bible. Do you have a good reading light and chair for this? Do you have an NIV Study Bible you can mark up? Visit a Barnes and Noble bookstore.

- What hobby or fun thing for yourself can you develop? What can you do to let your inner child play.
- If needed, how can you take better care of your body? Food intake? Take walks, exercise?

Is there an adult study group you could be part of or start up, take a class online? What must you limit or say "no" to? How about TV? We live in a fascinating world. Be interested in it. **READ good books! Listen to podcasts.**