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God-Centred Directions for 2025

It is profitable for our souls to have God-honoring goals in life as we begin the New Year 2025 by the enabling strength of the Lord as He leads and guides us with much prayer as we look to Him daily.



As the New Year of 2025 has begun, we have the opportunity to experience God's wonderful covenant mercies and grace daily. However, we have a responsibility too to set clear attainable and measurable directions and purposes for ourselves and our families that we live and walk worthily of the Lord in the New Year. Let us consider some practical and God honoring 'Goals and Aims'. *(edited and expanded)*

Our goals in 2025 can possibly be the following:

- A. **TO BE READY** for the soon coming of the Lord so that we are found by Him in peace (2 Pet 3:14) and to be without spot and blameless so that whenever the Lord returns, we certainly want to be ready for His imminent coming! That requires us to have a God-centered spirit in all that we do or say and **to set our affections on things above and not on earth**. Let us be prepared all the time and do our part as well.
- B. **TO REMAIN STEADFAST** in the faith and be vigilant lest we fall (2 Pet 3:17; Heb 3:12-14) or else be led astray by the evil one (2 Pet 2:1-3). To be ready for His coming, we must make sure that we are **diligent and hard working for Him in His church and the building up of His people and saving of souls**. Do not fall away from the Lord through indolence or negligence, nor be led astray by false teachers or obsession with the worldly pastimes of our time!
- C. **To READ THE BIBLE DAILY**. The word of God provides the only way to salvation and food for the soul (Jas 1:21). It provides the nutrition for spiritual growth (1 Pet 2:2). It provides protection against drifting away or being misled by false teachers (Heb 2:1-3; Act 20:29-32). We are to resolve to spend time each day in the morning feeding upon the Word of God and grow thereby! **Have a plan and do it systematically every day at a proper place where we can concentrate**. Jer

15:16 says, *'Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.'* and Paul in 2 Tim 2:15 adds, *'Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'*

- D. To discipline ourselves to **PRAY EVERY DAY**. For the Christian, prayer is the means by which we remain in touch with God for it is the way to the power and strength and peace of God. Phil 4:6-8 tells us to set aside time daily and have a prayer list and intercede for one another. Let us strive and **make a conscious effort to join the church prayer meeting on Wednesday night at 8pm**. For the Christian, prayer is also the way to comfort and strength in the Lord.
- E. **TO ATTEND ALL THE LORD'S DAY SERVICES OF THE CHURCH** regularly and punctually. **Make it a conscious effort to come regularly and on time for all worship services, Sunday School classes, prayer meetings Chinese fellowship meeting and other assemblies** (ie church camps, May Day Seminar, missions) are designed to encourage faithful devotion and worship in the Lord. It is one way we edify and exhort and encourage one another against falling away. *'Do not discount the importance of assembling with other Christians to remain strong and faithful in the Lord and attend every Lord's day service with reverence and fear for God.*
- F. **TO GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST**. This was Peter's last written admonition. 2 Pet 3:18 says, *'But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.'* He wrote of the blessings found in the knowledge of Christ; Grace and peace are multiplied (2 Pet 1:2). All things pertaining to life and godliness are provided in the Lord (2 Pet 1:3). There are exceedingly great and precious promises. We can be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption of the world through lust. Peter described what is involved in growing in this knowledge.

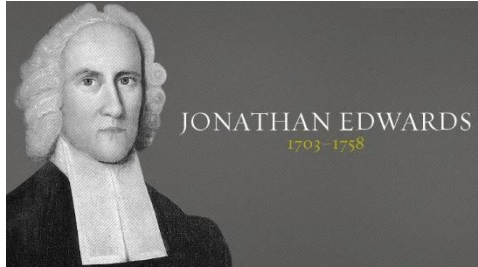
2Pet 1:5-8 adds that we need to apply all diligence and to develop the graces of a Christ-like character. He explained that spiritual diligence in this area will ensure an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord This should be our directive in the New Year that we examine and ensure our children and our salvation, made possible through Christ with such God-given means of grace as the reading of the Word of God through faith in Christ alone, personal and corporate prayer, and the fellowship of the church.

- G. **TO DISPLAY HOLY CONDUCT AND GODLINESS**. This we should do in view of what will one day happen when Christ returns (2 Pet 3:10-11). Remember that without holiness, no one shall see the Lord (Heb 12:14). The exercise of godliness has promise of the life to come. 1 Tim 4:8 says, *'For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.'* This display of holy conduct and godliness is especially important as we spend the time of our sojourn among those of the world (1 Pet 2:12) and not be caught with secular interests like dancing, gambling, drinking alcohol, unedifying computer games, worldly music and others. **Let us**

be consecrated and set apart for Him and dedicated for the New Year for the master's use.

**Example of a theologian,
Jonathan Edwards'
Resolutions in the 18th century**

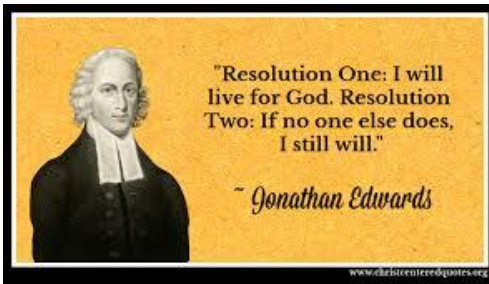
One excellent example of a man with godly resolutions is Jonathan Edwards, the great 18th century American theologian. The following below is an example adapted from volume 1, *The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Edinburgh: Banner of Truth Trust 1987, xx-xxii.*



'Being sensible that I am unable to do any thing without God's help, I do humbly entreat him, by his grace, to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to his will, for Christ's sake. Remember to read over these Resolutions once a week.'

7. Resolved, **Never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.**
14. *Resolved, Never to do anything out of revenge.*
15. *Resolved, Never to suffer the least motions of anger towards irrational beings.*
16. *Resolved, Never to speak evil of anyone, so that it shall tend to his dishonor, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.*
17. *Resolved, That I will live so, as I shall wish I had done when I come to die.*
20. *Resolved, To maintain the strictest temperance in eating and drinking.*
28. *Resolved, To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.*
33. *Resolved, To do always what I can towards making, maintaining, and preserving peace, when it can be done without an overbalancing detriment in other respects.*
34. Resolved, In narrations, **never to speak anything but the pure and simple verity.**
35. *Resolved, Whenever I so much question whether I have done my duty, as that my quiet and calm is thereby disturbed, to set it down, and also how the question was resolved.*
36. Resolved, Never to speak evil of any, except I have some particular good call to it.
37. Resolved, To inquire **every night, as I am going to bed, wherein I have been negligent, what sin I have committed and wherein I have denied myself and also at the end of every week, month, and year.**

40. *Resolved*, To inquire every night before I go to bed, whether I have acted in the best way I possibly could, with respect to eating and drinking.
41. *Resolved*, to ask myself, at the end of every day, week, month, and year, wherein **I could possibly, in any respect, have done better.**
42. *Resolved*, Frequently to renew the dedication of myself to God, which was made at my baptism, which I solemnly renewed when I was received into the communion of the church, and which I have solemnly re-made this.
53. Resolved, To improve every opportunity, when I am in the best and happiest frame of mind, to cast and venture my soul on the Lord Jesus Christ, to trust and confide in him, and consecrate myself wholly to him; that from this I may have assurance of my safety, knowing that I confide in my Redeemer.
56. Resolved, **Never to give over, nor in the least to slacken, my fight with my corruptions, however unsuccessful I may be.**
66. Resolved, That I will endeavor always **to keep a benign aspect, and air of acting and speaking**, in all places, and in all companies, except it should so happen that duty requires otherwise.



68. Resolved, To confess frankly to myself, all that which I find in myself, either infirmity or sin; and, if it be what concerns religion, also to confess the whole case to God, and implore needed help.

Conclusion

If we aim at nothing, we are bound to hit it. Let these godly aims inspire and stimulate our hearts to greater devotion and commitment to our God in this New Year as we seek to honor and put Him first in our lives personally in the covenant home and in the church. The aims such as to Read the Bible daily, Pray fervently as a church, Attend all the services of the church and to Grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

Display holy conduct and godliness that will go a long way to ensure a proper state of preparedness; for the Lord is coming soon. We will therefore be vigilant and ready for His imminent second coming, serving in the meantime with great joy and faithfulness in the church to the saving of souls and the edifying of the saints.

Finally consider the following practical goals for 2025:

1. To give myself regularly to the careful meditation, **study** and application of God's word and to fervent **prayer**.
2. **To worship God faithfully every Sunday** in spirit and in truth, in response to God's revelation of Himself in His word, in the beauty of holiness.
3. **To spread the gospel of Christ** near and far, as God may direct, with the intention of bringing some one whom the Lord called to the saving knowledge of Christ and then to maturity in the faith through Sovereign Hope BP Church.

4. **To share with others** out of my God given resources through my regular tithes and offerings and talents, whether in time or substance to the extension of His kingdom.
5. **To discover, develop and deploy my God given spiritual gifts** and use them for the building up on one another in the church and for the glory of God.
6. **To demonstrate my love to the Lord** and walk worthy of the vocation wherein I am called.
7. **To remember not to forsake the assembling of the saints** and to come prepared for Sunday worship service and fellowship, Sunday School and Missions to both receive and give a blessing.
8. **To serve and function together** with godly maturity, with those who are accountable for the spiritual welfare of the body and of their individual families in Sovereign Hope BP Church.
9. **To live a life of godly faithfulness and stewardship** by providing meaningful ministries and assistance for those who are in need of help.
10. **To display a loving and helpful spirit**, contributing toward the unity and growth in Christ's body in Sovereign Hope BP Church, so that the world may know the reality of Christ as I be a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

Jack Sin



***House Blessing
of Joseph &
Rachel
cum
Prayer Meeting
(1 Jan 2025)***



*Ministries @
Sovereign Hope BPC*

Church Session

Rev Dr Jack Sin
Dn Tan Yue Kay
Dn Paul Tan

Worship Chairmen

Dn Yue Kay
Joseph
Albert
Poh Huat

Christian Education

Pastor Jack
Dr Kwong Leen
Chan Ping

Holy Communion Prep

Chan Ping
Pit Yuen

Ushering & Offering

Dn Paul
Paul K
Agnes
Devi
John W
John A
Lily

Music & Media Ministries

Janet
Daniel
Dn Paul
Joseph
Kim Meng
Angie



Missions & Evangelism

Pastor Jack
Dn Yue Kay
Dn Paul
John W

Camp Committee

Dn Yue Kay
Dn Paul
Albert
Janet
Kim Meng

Care & Visitation

Ministry

Pastor Jack Sin
Dn Yue Kay
Peter
Angie

Refreshments &

Cleaning

Dn Yue Kay
Kin Hoong
Kin Kheng
Soo Hoon
Chan Ping
Pit Yuen
Aunty Chwee Lian
Sharon
Angie



*Serving Christ and Exalting the
Sovereignty of God in the Church*

LORD'S DAY PROGRAMME FOR JAN - MAR 2025


January

- 5 Praising God for His Sovereign Election (Eph 1:1-12)
- 12* Intercessory Prayer for the Church (Eph 1:13-22)
- 19 The Spiritual Progression of the Elect (Eph 2:1-12)
- 26 The Character of the Christian Church (Eph 2:13-22)

February

- 2 **7TH THANKSGIVING ANNIVERSARY**
The Sacred Duties of the Church (Eph 3:1-12)
- 9* Appropriating Christ in Our Lives (Eph 3:11-22)
- 16 The Function of the Church (Eph 4:1-16)
- 23 The Demeanour of the Church (Eph 4:13-32)

March

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- 2 The Moral / Spiritual Standards of the Church (Eph 5:1-21)
 - 9* The Picture of the Christ and the Family (Eph 5:22-33)
 - 16 Rules in the Covenant Family (Eph 6:1-10)
 - 23 Protection for the Conflict of the Christian (Eph 6:11-24)
 - 30 **GOSPEL SUNDAY**
Who is Christ to you? (Matt 16:5-20)

Memory Verse

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Watchnight Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on ***Praising God for His Sovereign Election (Eph 1:1-12)***, commencing a new quarterly study on the ***"Book of Ephesians: Serving Christ & Exalting the Sovereignty of God in the Church"***.
3. On next Sunday, Pastor will preach on ***"Intercessory Prayer for the Church (Eph 1:13-22)"***.
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
 - Christian Apologetics (Pastor)
 - Studies in Esther (Dr Kwong Leen)
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on Old Testament Foundations and the 10 Commandments. [**Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178**].
6. **SHBPC 7th Anniversary Thanksgiving** will be held on **2 Feb 2025**. Do set aside the Sunday to rejoice together. Kindly register with Dn Yue Kay as lunch will be catered.
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [**Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551**].
8. Pray for:
 - **Medical: John W's daughter** [dialysis treatment], **Simon** (Devi's husband) [full recovery from fractured ribs due to a fall], **Daniel Phang** [back condition, high blood pressure & gout].
 - **Salvation:** Families of Dn Yue Kay, Dn Paul, Agnes & John W.
 - **Church Camp Committee:** Recce and preparations for June 10-13 Camp at Forest City Marina Hotel.
9. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**Kindly indicate **"Church Building Fund"** if you would like to designate towards this cause.