



# RED HILL LUTHERAN

CHURCH & SCHOOL

8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Rev. Tom Brashears, Senior Pastor

Rev. Seth Britton, Associate Pastor

PRELUDE

Chaconne

Henry Purcell

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *please stand*

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection. Congregation kneels/sits*

Leader: Most merciful God,

**People: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By the authority of Jesus Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING & KYRIE

*Red hymnal page 203 (front of book)*

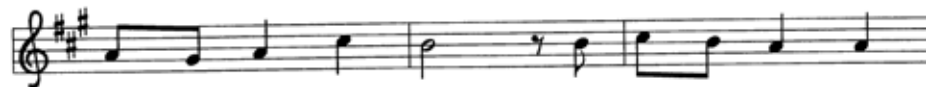
## HYMN OF PRAISE

We Walk By Faith

*Red hymnal #635 (back of book)*



1	We	walk	by	faith	and	not	by	sight;	with
2	We	may	not	touch	your	hands	and	side,	nor
3	Help	then,	O	Lord,	our	un -	be -	lief;	and
4	For	you,	O	res -	ur -	rec -	ted	Lord,	are
5	And	when	our	life	of	faith	is	done,	in



gra -	cious	words	draw	near,	O	Christ,	who	spoke	as
fol -	low	where	you	trod;	but	in	your	prom -	ise
may	our	faith	a -	bound	to	call	on	you	when
found	in	means	di -	vine:	be -	neath	the	wa -	ter
realms	of	clear -	er	light	may	we	be -	hold	you



none	e'er	spoke:	"My	peace	be	with	you	here."
we	re -	joice,	and	cry,	"My	Lord	and	God!"
you	are	near	and	seek	where	you	are	found:
and	the	word,	be -	neath	the	bread	and	wine.
as	you	are,	with	full	and	end -	less	sight.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*NIV pew Bible page 1068*

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

## SECOND READING

*NIV pew Bible page 1798*

**2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> We live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Reader: Here ends the reading

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*NIV Pew Bible page 1597*

**Luke 5:1-11**

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,<sup>[a]</sup> with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down<sup>[b]</sup> the nets for a catch.”

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, “Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their

partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." <sup>11</sup>So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

## GOSPEL RESPONSE

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

## KIDS TALK & CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:00 ONLY)

*The children are dismissed with their teachers for age appropriate activities.*

*Parents may pick up their children after the service.*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

The Heavens Are Telling *from* The Creation (8:00)

*Haydn*

*Heather Koskovich-Reithmeier, Michelle Doolittle, J.M. Schaefer, soloists; Chancel Choir*

If You Want Me To (11:00)

*Ginny Owens*

*Heather Koskovich-Reithmeier, soloist*

The pathway is broken  
And The signs are unclear  
And I don't know the reason why You brought me here  
But just because You love me the way that You do  
I'm gonna walk through the valley  
If You want me to

*Cause I'm not who I was  
When I took my first step  
And I'm clinging to the promise  
You're not through with me yet  
so if all of these trials bring me closer to you  
Then I'll walk through the fire  
If You want me to*

It may not be the way I would have chosen  
When you lead me through a world that's not my home  
But You never said it would be easy  
You only said I'd never go alone

So When the whole world turns against me  
And I'm all by myself  
And I can't hear You answer my cries for help  
I'll remember the suffering Your love put You through  
And I will go through the valley If You want me to

## MORNING MESSAGE

*Pastor TomBrashears*

*For an outline of this morning's sermon, please consult the "Brick"*

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Please kneel*

### PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of the +Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*The congregation shares the peace of Christ.*

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please complete your worship response card and place it in the offering plate.*

### OFFERTORY

Pastorale

*J.S. Bach*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People: Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Red hymnal page 206 (front of book)*

## COMMUNION

*In our church, all believing and baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Please join us.  
Although we use wine, a chalice of white grape juice is also available.*

## LAMB OF GOD

## BLESSING

## SENDING SONG

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

*Red hymnal #592 (back of book)*

## POSTLUIDE

Praise God!

*Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.*

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### Readers

**8:00** Dave Kulcinski **9:30** Lori Pastucha **11:00** Carol Pickford

### Altar Guild

**8:00** Dolores Cruz **9:30** Celia Young

### Acolytes

**8:00** Matthew Curiel & Lara Alvarez

**11:00** Rachelle Lonvera & Karina Lonvera

### Ushers

**8:00** Art Christensen Group **9:30** Jim Christensen Group

**11:00** Chuck Tarrant Group

### Greeters

**8:00** Marlene Thorson / Jan Hundebly **9:30** Michael Portune

**11:00** Sally Scalzo / Jerry Spangler

### Visitor Table

**8:00** Lois Landouw

**9:30** Lori Browne

**11:00** Marlys Lano

### Communion Servers

**8:00** Eric Thorson & Nadene Pickford

**9:30** Dave & Laurie Henry, Del Larsh & Phil Schaffer

**11:00** David & Jill St. George

### Worship Leaders

*Director of Liturgical Arts* James M. Schaefer

*Director of Music* Jason Harney

*Organist* Anne-Marie Bullard (*guest organist*)

*Praise Leaders* Joel & Jennifer Feeser



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## THE WEEKLY BRICK

February 7, 2010.

*As you come to him, the living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. - 1 Peter 2:4-5*

### PREVENTING READY, FIRE, AIM: WALKING BY FAITH WITH GODLY GOALS

**“HOW TO FAIL IN SETTING GOALS? 2 Cor. 5:7**

*Should we set goals? Yes. There is no conflict with setting goals and living by faith.*

*What is a goal? A goal is an objective you want to achieve.*

#### 1. SETTING GOALS IS SCRIPTURAL.

**Noah:** Built an ark, God gave him the exact dimensions, for years Noah built an ark, he had it in his mind, he had it drawn out, he had one goal: build an ark

**Abraham:** When he went to find a wife for his son God gave him the specific goal, He said to Elhiazar, his servant, go find a wife, a particular type of woman, in Gen. he set out with a goal.

**Joseph:** When he was prime minister his goal was to provide for them through a famine.

**Moses:** When God spoke he gave him one goal: bring people of God out of bondage

**Joshua:** When God chose Joshua to take Moses place he gave him a goal: bring the people from the wilderness to the promised land. When he confronted Jericho he had one goal in mind and that was to take that city.

**David:** When he faced Goliath his goal was to kill him, cut off his head, and defend the glory of God.

**Jesus:** When he headed toward Jerusalem, scripture says he set his face steadfast toward Jerusalem. His goal: die for you and me. Before he gave the great commission he had a goal to build the church. “Go ye therefore”

**Paul:** His greatest goal was to know Christ, for whose sake he lost all things. (Phil. 3:8)

#### 2. FROM GENESIS THROUGH REVELATION GOD GIVES WISDOM, DIRECTION, AND SPECIFICITY FOR INDIVIDUAL TO SET GOALS.

#### 3. THE PARADOX: WE SET GOALS AND WALK BY FAITH.

*Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

*2 Corinthians 5:7 We live by faith, not by sight.*

#### 2. SETTING GOALS STRETCHES A PERSON’S FAITH.

When you set a goal that is out there and will demand more of you it stretches your faith.

#### 3. ALL SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE SET GOALS.

On the authority of God’s word, you have the privilege under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to set goals, and then with God’s help achieve them one by one. Now you have the privilege of setting those goals.

#### 4. IF YOU DO NOT SET GOALS FOR YOUR LIFE YOU’LL SUFFER.

- People with no goals lack excitement. They drift.
- If you don’t plan someone else will.
- God works hand in hand with you as you plan.
- People without goals end up with a mediocre life.
- People with no goals become very critical of those who are active with their goals.

## Q? WHY DON'T WE SET GOALS?

- A. FEAR OF FACING THE FUTURE AND FEAR OF FAILURE.
- B. WE DON'T KNOW HOW
- C. TOO LAZY TO THINK ABOUT LIFE.
- D. DISCOURAGEMENT.

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

**Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**      *Read Philippians 2:5-7; Luke 22:27; John 13:4-5; 2 Cor. 8:9*

Jesus Christ “was made in human likeness.” The word “was made” (*ginomai*) means to become; a definite entrance into time. It is not a permanent state. Jesus became a man, but it was not to be a permanent state. It was only for a time, a particular period. In the fullness of time He made a definite entrance into the world as a man.

Note that Jesus Christ did not come to earth as a prince or some great leader upon earth. He did not come to receive the homage and service of men. He came as the humblest of men, as a servant to serve all. “He was brought up meanly, probably working with his supposed father at his trade. His whole life was a life of humiliation, meanness, poverty, and disgrace; he had nowhere to lay his head, lived upon alms, was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, did not appear with external pomp, or any marks of distinction from other men. This was the humiliation of his life” (Matthew Henry. *Matthew Henry's Commentary*, Vol.6, p.732f). There would be more in death.

**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**      *Read Philippians 2:5-7; John 10:18; 14:31; Romans 5:19*

Christ humbled Himself to the point of utter humiliation—to the very point of death—“even the death of the cross.” Note two significant points.

**1. Jesus Christ humbled Himself to the Father.** He was obedient to God the Father. It was the Father’s will for Christ to come to earth and to die for the sins of men. And Christ did it; He obeyed God the Father.

**2. Jesus Christ humbled Himself to people.** He willingly allowed them to kill Him. He did not have to bear such hostile humiliation and rebellion, but He did. Just picture what is involved in the death of the cross.

- Christ humbled Himself to die.
- Christ humbled Himself to come out of the spiritual and eternal world into the physical and corruptible world in order to die.
- Christ humbled Himself to lay aside His eternal glory and majesty and become a man for the purpose of dying.
- Christ humbled Himself to suffer rejection, denial, cursing, abuse, arrest, torture, and murder at the hands of rebellious people—whom He had originally created for the joy of eternity—rebellious people whom He had come to save.
- Christ humbled Himself to take all the sins of humankind upon Himself and to bear the weight and suffering of them all.

**Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**      *Read 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; Heb. 2:9; 1 Peter 2:24, 3:18*

- Christ humbled Himself to bear the judgment and condemnation and punishment of sin for everyone.
- Christ humbled Himself to suffer the awful experience of having God the Father turn His back upon Him.
- Christ humbled Himself to suffer the terrible justice and wrath of God against sin.
- Christ humbled Himself to bear the pain of suffering for sin eternally. Christ is eternal; therefore, His death is ever before the face of God. (Just imagine! It is beyond our comprehension, but the Lord’s eternal agony is fact because of the eternal nature of God.)
- The discussion could go on and on, but the point is well made by Scripture. Jesus Christ not only humbled Himself to become the servant of men/women, He humbled Himself to suffer the ultimate degree of humiliation:

*Jesus Christ became sin for all and died as their sin before the just wrath of God.*

In a sense, hanging there upon the cross Christ was not even a man; He was sin, the very embodiment of sin.

*2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

In some way He embraced all the sin of the world and died for the sins of all.

Remember the point of Philippians: we must let the humility of Jesus Christ flow in and through us. We are to be humble—to walk in humility before each other—to go to the extreme of humility, even if it means humiliation before each other. Why? So that the church can be unified. Unity is to prevail among us. We are to live and breathe unity. There is to be no discord in God’s church

- no divisiveness
- no grumbling
- no murmuring
- no negative truth
- no downing of others
- no jealousy
- no personal ambition
- no self-seeking
- no prejudice
- no air of superiority
- no criticism

But note: the only way we can ever know such unity is to let the mind of Christ captivate our mind. We must study, think, and learn the humility of Christ. We must let His humility flow in and through us. This is lived out in our lives through worship, study, fellowship, and service.

**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**      *Read Luke 24:47 John 16: 23-24; Eph. 1:22; 1 Peter 3:22*

Christ was rewarded—God highly exalted Him. Christ had humbled Himself in obedience to God the Father, and because He was faithful in being humble, God rewarded Him by exalting Him ever so highly. The point is well made: God will reward and exalt any believer who will walk as Christ walked—humbly before Him and men.

Note how highly God has rewarded and exalted Christ.

**1. God has highly honored Christ.** God has given Christ a name above every name. Right now, the name of Jesus Christ is cursed all over the world. In fact, at every passing tick of the clock, the name of Jesus Christ is being cursed thousands of times by hordes of people all over the world. But note: not everyone curses His name. Some of us love His name. To us His name is the most glorious name every uttered by human voice, for His name is...

- the name that forgives our sins. *Luke 24:47*
- the name that gives us access into God's presence. *John 16:23-24*

**2. God has given Christ supreme power and authority.** God has destined every knee to bow before Christ—the knees of everything in heaven and earth and under the earth. Nothing shall be exempt. The day is coming when every creature in *all the worlds and dimensions of being* shall bow their knees in subjection to the Lord Jesus Christ.

**3. God has given Christ supreme worship.** God is going to see to it that every creature confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father:

- every nation, tongue, and language, person, mind, and body, every race, color, and shape
- every belief, creed, and religion, every man, woman, and child, every king, leader, and authority, every professional worker and laborer.
- Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is exactly who He claimed to be: the Son of the living God. Every creature is going to worship Him as Lord, the Lord God of the universe. *Rev. 5:12; 15:4*

In Matthew 21:9 we read: *“The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the **Lord!**” “Hosanna in the highest!”*

**Lord** (*kurios*): means master, owner. Jesus was called Lord from the very first of His ministry ([Matthew 8:2](#)) and He accepted the title. He even called Himself Lord ([Matthew 7:21](#)). The word had been a title of respect throughout history. During the Roman empire it became the official title of Roman emperors. It was also a title given to the gods. The Hebrew title Adonai is translated Lord ([Genesis 15:2](#)), so is Jehovah ([Matthew 1:20-22](#); [Matthew 2:15](#); [Matthew 3:3](#); [Matthew 4:7, 10](#); [Matthew 11:25](#); [Matthew 21:9](#); [Mark 12:29-30](#); [Luke 1:68](#); [Luke 2:9](#)). Both titles, Adonai and Jehovah, are translated Lord in [Matthew 22:44](#). Jesus Himself called God the Father, “Lord” ([Matthew 4:7, 10](#)). But the title is more often given to Jesus. There is no question but that Jesus is recognized as Lord, being identical with the Old Testament Jehovah and Adonai ([Matthew 3:3](#); [Matthew 12:8](#); [Matthew 21:9](#); [Matthew 22:43-45](#); [Luke 1:43](#); [John 14:8-10](#); [John 20:28](#); [Acts 9:5](#)). When Jesus is called Lord, it means that He is Master and Owner, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the only true God. He is Jehovah, Adonai, God Himself. Who is Jesus to you? What do you call him? What does it mean?

**Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**      *Read Phil. 3: 7-11*

Sunday we said that setting goals was Biblical, that if you're going to accomplish anything in life worthwhile you're going to be setting some goals, thinking, desiring, dreaming, planning, and setting goals and plans for your life. Setting goals stretches your faith and if it stretches your faith it will make you more useful for God, build self esteem, and make your life more exciting. A person without goals will become lazy, apathetic, critical of others, and be adrift without goals.

The test mentions some mistakes we make but we'd like to look more fully at those. The mistakes we make in setting goals. Maybe you've already begun to make some goals in your life and you looked over the test, and say, “I believe that these are the right kind of goals, but I'm not sure that I'm setting the goals I ought to be setting. I'm not too sure I'm doing this in the right manner.” It is good to question things as we go on and over the years God has given his servants particular goals and objectives they were to accomplish. In the lives of the Biblical characters these mistakes are not to be found.

**Mistakes:**

**#1-We set fuzzy goals.**

Goals that are not clear. We're not clear about what we want to accomplish. EX:-I want to be a better husband. What does that mean? Better than what? That's a hazy goal. EX.-I want financial security. You must have a def. goal.

Paul's goal was to know Christ Jesus and the power of his resurrection and he said I'm willing to give up everything

in my life in order to know him. His goal was a deepening of who Jesus is . This is clear in his mind. If a goal is definite and clear you will be able to visualize in your mind exactly what that goal is. For instance, your goal is to be debt free by August 25, 2011. This is definite. It has teeth in it. So many people are too vague, never know how they are doing, and always feel that they have accomplished less than they could have because, indeed that is the case! It deals with something that is tangible and it has a date by it. If you set the goal, every time you get paid you make a decision, “Do I make a step toward my goal, or do I want to spend it on me.?” The goal must be visualized. You must also be able to feel what it will be like once it is accomplished.

God helps you set a goal>you visualize it every day>you are motivated toward accomplishing this goal. This can be applied to almost any area of our lives but it is important that you have a clear definite goal in mind.

### **#2-We set unreasonable goals.**

You want to be sure that your goal is reasonable. One of the aspects of goal setting is that it is a faith stretcher because you set a goal that demands more of you, and requires more of you, than you would normally do in a given day. Goals and plans demand priorities in our lives. So that if your goal is to memorize the Book of John you will have to set aside some time and your priorities will have to be examined and reevaluated. Let’s say you’re a student and your tired of C’s. You will make A’s. If you set your mind and get with it, keeping your eye on the goal it may work. You must decide what is reasonable. “I want to be a millionaire?” Can you ask for God’s help. Is this the Lord’s will. You can’t just say my goal is to have X, you may be able to accomplish it, don’t get me wrong, people do this all the time. But if you violate God’s purpose in your life you will regret every dollar you make. So you see what you want to do is to see that those goals are in keeping with God’s plan for your life and that they are reasonable goals.

### **#3-Are these goals measurable?**

I want to be a good Christian. What does that mean? You need to see how far you are from your goal. You never know where you are if you set immeasurable goals. EX-if you are having problems in your home and you go to a counselor and that counselor gives you some projects to work on and you go back to the counselor and he asks have you done this, this, and this and you say “no I have been doing some other things.” Huh? We must take things one step at a time and in order to do that we must know where we are on the path right now. And to measure our progress or lack of progress. If I want to make straight A’s what did I do on the last test? Clear and measurable.

### **#4-Set Goals too quickly.**

Without evaluating where they are in their lives or where God is leading them they set the goal. We say “Lord you know my life. You know when I will die. Help me develop goals that are pleasing to you.” He knows how long you will live, how you are equipped, and who you are. **The development of goals takes time.**

Make a list of possible goals

- a. this year
- b. 3-5 years
- c. by the end of my life

We must seek the Lord’s mind in this. All through scripture God helped his servants set their goals. There are many people setting goals in the wrong way and as a result unwilling to set goals in their spiritual life. Goals must become a part of our daily thinking, the way we do business.

### **#5-We fail to be honest.**

Are you being honest in what you want to accomplish? Is it what God wants in your life? Is it what God wants in your children’s life? Important: as parents you must be careful to not set plans and goals for your children that God must set for their lives. Sometimes parents fail to accomplish things and project plans and goals on the child. Look at sports with kids and parents. If you’re in business you set goals and other people must come along, but when we set someone else’s goals we need to be careful, especially with our families. One of our goals is that our children go well in school following through with that goal is good but not selecting their career.

### **#6-We make no plans for the achievement of the goal.**

Goals don’t come to pass simply because they are set. They come to pass because we lay out a plan whereby we’re able to achieve the goal. Ask God to show you the steps. If you have no plan, find out what God’s plan is, find out what his steps. Do not move until God’s mind is your mind. If God sets the goal he will set the step.

### **#7-Failure to revise our goals.**

Why? WE don’t know God’s plan for the future. We are not all knowing and things change over a period of time. We sometimes can get ahead of our plan. A key: be able to revise and don’t get locked in. This is a part of the stretching process. As we are stretched we see God working and stretching us even further.

