Five Year Plan

Introduction:

- A. Arrogant boasting about tomorrow's success is not for God's faithful. Jas. 4:13-17
- B. That said, planning is perfectly acceptable. v. 15
- C. It is with humility that we reflect and look forward to the goals for this year.

Discussion:

I. CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH

"So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." **1 Corinthians 3:7** (NKJV)

- A. "Jesus does not change what you do. He changes what you want to do." Ravi Zacharias
 - 1. Take advantage of personal growth or evangelistic efforts.
 - 2. Spend time with and encourage one another.
 - 3. Let God give the increase as a result.

II. OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

"And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey." **Matthew 25:15** (NKJV)

- A. Special classes for both younger and older men who want to participate in public situations.
- B. Special classes for those desiring to become elders/deacons.
- C. Truth Project Bible studies.
- D. "Teaching by cards": a tool to evangelize.
- E. Women's Bible studies.
- F. Men's Saturday Bible studies.

III. INCREASE IN OUR GIVING

"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)

A. Improve contributions 10% annually, which would allow for ...

- 1. Outside support of preachers in other areas.
- 2. Preacher training program.
- 3. Increase benevolence for Christians in need (locally or afar).
- 4. Care for costly pending building repairs/maintenance.

Conclusion:

- A. What part will you take to see that we meet our goals for this year?
- B. May God make all grace abound toward us, to have all sufficiency in all things, that we may have an abundance for every good work. **2 Cor. 9:8**