

RESOLVED TO LEAD A QUIET MINISTRY So It Carries Out the Mission of Christ

INTRODUCTION

Don Whitney's *Ten Questions to Ask at the Start of a New Year*:

1. What is one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What is the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What is the one single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
5. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What is the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years? In eternity?

Lesson aim: to remind you of our mission: what God has called our church to do and how your ministry fits into the overall mission of the church.

A. The mission of the church.

B. The essential things that carry out the mission.

1. Love God (1 The 4:1-2).
2. Love others.
 - a. Love the lost (1 The 4:11-12).

b. Love the saints (1 The 4:9-10).

C. Evaluate your ministry.

1. Know how your ministry fits into the overall mission of the church.

2. Consider how your ministry activities affect the rest of the church.

3. Consider whether you are doing the best things.