

# **“Goals for Each Congregation”**

## **Phil. 4:13**

### Introduction

- I. The setting of goals helps a person keep focused on accomplishing important tasks.
- II. If one never has a goal, then he will never know the joy of reaching such.
- III. The goals of the church of Christ should be spiritual and not carnal (1 Cor. 3:1-3).

### Discussion

- I. Each congregation should be true to the Lord (Luke 9:62).
  - A. Unfaithfulness should not be a characteristic of a congregation (Rev. 2:4-5).
  - B. Indifference should not be a characteristic of a congregation (Rev. 3:15-16).
  - C. Each member of a congregation is important to the body, and as such is vital to a congregation's loyalty (1 Cor. 12:14-27).
- II. Each congregation should be loving (John 13:34-35).
  - A. Supreme love for God (Mark 12:30).
  - B. Love for one another (1 Pet. 1:22; 1 John 4:12; cf. 1 John 3:14, 16).
  - C. Love for the truth (John 17:17; Prov. 23:23; Eph. 4:14-15).
- III. Each congregation should be working (1 Cor. 15:58).
  - A. We should realize for who we are working (Col. 3:23-24).
  - B. We cannot be people of faith if we refuse to work (James 2:20-22).
  - C. Our work does not go unnoticed (1 Thess. 1:3; Matt. 5:16).

### Conclusion

- I. Do you want the church of Christ to true, loving, and working?
- II. You can help the congregation reach these goals,