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## Make It Your Aim

Robert Carr

Greetings, Kingdom saints! Time seems to be moving quickly, isn't it? What I mean is this: it seems like it was just a few short months ago when we welcomed in 2009! It helps us understand why King David, in his prayer, said: *"For we are strangers before you and sojourners... Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding."* (**1 Chronicles 29:15 ESV**) Well, as Christ's disciples, we see this as a good thing: the quicker days go by, the quicker the second coming of Christ will be! We shall be with Him soon! To those who are ready, that is great news! (cf. **Hebrews 9:28**)!

Since God has blessed us to see another new year, I would like to ask you this: How will you glorify God this year? Have you thought about that? Paul said in **2 Corinthians 5:9 (ESV)**, *"So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him."* Paul was extremely thankful for his salvation. He says in **1 Corinthians 15:10**, *"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."* God's grace worked mightily in Paul. He was effective in making disciples for Christ, effective as a mentor, effective as an encourager, and effective as a church planter. Paul made it his aim to please His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! He became all things to all men that he may win as many as possible (**1 Corinthians 9:19, 22b**). He shared the Gospel wherever he went (**Romans 1:14-16; 1 Corinthians 9:16**). He mentored and trained disciples, like Timothy, in the ways of God, so that the work of God would continue through those he taught. Paul's love for Christ was evident by the way he lived his life! And he calls us to imitate him as he imitates Christ (**1 Corinthians 11:1**).

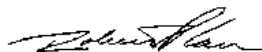
How will your appreciation for salvation show itself this year? How will God's mercy be manifested in your life in 2010? Let's allow the grace of God to work mightily in us in 2010! Let's ask the Father to use us powerfully in His church; asking Him to make us effective disciples, effective disciple-makers, and effective edifiers, filling us with the Holy Spirit, wisdom and faith, as we serve our great Lord and King Jesus!

Make it your aim to please Him with your time, your finances and in your behavior towards your neighbor, whether they are of Christ or not. For Jesus said His disciples are known for their love (**John 13:34-35**).

May God bless you mightily as you make it your aim to please Him in everything!

Amen! Come, Lord, Jesus!

Your fellow servant,



Robert Carr

**Seek First the Kingdom of God**

Robert Young Sr.

When I became a Christian, one of the first passages of scripture shared with me was *Matthew 6:33*: “*Seek first the kingdom of God...*” And in the beginning for me that meant to be fully committed to the attendance of mentorship, Wednesday night bible class, Devotional, and Sunday services. As I continue to grow in Christ I have become aware of the fact that church attendance is only beginning to scratch the surface of what it means to “Seek first the kingdom of God.” What I have grown to understand is that *seeking first the kingdom* means that I am called to put the Church and her interests above my own interests. Although it seems we have a built in compass that only points to “me”, our true purpose in Christ is to serve others. When I focus on my needs, it only causes me to worry, which leads to stress, anxiety and a quick death (*Matthew 6:27*). My true blessing on this side of Heaven is that I do not have to be stressed out about my life, about what I shall eat or what I shall drink; or about my body, what clothes I shall wear. We can continue this list of possible worries with where I will live, what school I will attend, who I will marry, etc. Life, or should I say, *the purpose of life* is much more important than these things. Instead of being focused on myself, God has taught me that He will take care of me and my needs as I seek first His kingdom. So as I decide *where to live* it should be a place in which the Church will benefit. The school that I attend, and the schedule I choose should be a blessing to the Church. The person I choose to marry should be my partner in building God's kingdom. I have decided that everything I do I want it to be done while seeking first the kingdom of God. Knowing that He is taking care of me frees my mind and gives me peace so that I can fulfill His purpose for me and take care of His Church. Amen?

DATE	NAME	TOWN
12/26/09	Agreena Cesaire	Baldwin
12/22/09	Tom Baxter	Medford
11/14/09	Milton Orderana	Richmond Hill
10/25/09	Rachel Copercini	Springfield Gardens (Old Westbury)
10/18/09	Malekha Goho	Corona (Stony Brook)

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Weekly Budget: \$ 9,000

DATE	ATTENDANCE	CONTRIBUTION
12/6/2009	278	\$7,617
12/13/2009	298	\$8,496
12/20/2009	(snowstorm, no services)	
12/27	289	\$9,652

## The Need for Balance

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No one is born knowing how to develop healthy relationships. There are no user manuals or “Relationship Building for Dummies” books out there. It is a skill that is learned and matured. What makes it even more challenging is that we are each unique. We all come from different backgrounds and were even raised in different parts of the world. It is no wonder that we often find it difficult relating to one another. When we face challenges in our relationships, the tendency is to take a critical look at the other person to see what they could be doing better. But God encourages us to first take a critical look at ourselves and make changes within. **Luke 6:41 (NIV)** says, “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?” In our approach to relationships, we tend to fluctuate between two extremes. We are either independent of people or dependent on people. We tend to go to extremes because it’s easy.

The dictionary defines **Independence** as “free from the influence of another” ...“self-reliant”. This is when you are either guarded, not open to input or help from others, or uninterested in fully giving of yourself to others. This may be because you don’t trust people, or you fear being misunderstood, or maybe you just don’t see a need for intimate relationships. You are self-absorbed because you don’t depend on anyone and you don’t invest in anyone. Independent thinking is focused on self, not on God. I personally become independent when I think my feelings are more likely to get hurt. Unfortunately, being independent hurts our relationships because it communicates to others that we find them unimportant.

**Dependence** is defined as “conditioned to rely or depend on others for aid and support.” This is when you impose expectations on others about how you feel you should be treated. Maybe you’re very in tune with your needs and with how you expect others to meet those needs. This is often referred to as being “needy”. Dependent thinking is focused on people, not on God. I personally become needy when I feel that someone isn’t putting the amount of effort into our relationship that I feel they should. Dependence means that you rarely take responsibility for anything. If something goes wrong in your relationship, it’s always the other person’s fault! You most likely overwhelm others because they find themselves unequipped to meet your needs.

**Balance** is the call from God. **Ecclesiastes 7:18 (NIV)** says, “It is good to grasp the one and not let go of the other. The man who fears God will avoid all extremes.” Having extremes hinders our spiritual growth. It is not a fruit of the spirit, but of the flesh. Pursuing balance forces us to work at our relationships and it is in this that we exercise and mature our Christianity (**James 1:4**). Having balance in relationships is the ability to humbly depend on others while you welcome others to depend on you. Dependence on others is not proudly demanded, but humbly requested because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (**James 4:6**). Serving others isn’t done grudgingly, but cheerfully and generously because God loves a cheerful giver (**2 Corinthians 9:7**). We cannot do this consistently on our own strength or will power. It is a work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It takes a decision to die to ourselves and allow Christ to live through our bodies. This echoes Paul’s sentiments in **Galatians 2:20 (NIV)**: “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.”

**“For the building up of the Body...”**

**Ephesians 4:12**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS QUARTER**

- 📖 **Off Bible Class Dates:** January 13<sup>th</sup>; February 10<sup>th</sup>; March 17<sup>th</sup>
- 📖 **Devotional Service Dates:** January 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>; February 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>; March 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>
- 📖 **City Women’s Fellowship:** January 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm at Carmen Booker’s home
- 📖 **Single Ministry Kickoff:** January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12-4pm. Registration in the lobby through 12/27. Cost is \$20.
- 📖 **Homeschool Recitation:** Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 11am. Come encourage our homeschoolers!
- 📖 **Video Library:** If you have any items take out from the video library, please make sure they are signed out or return them if you’re done with them. Please see Rob Dixon in the back foyer Sunday after services for more information.
- 📖 Keep up with all church events by joining LIChurch Space! Go to [www.licoc.org](http://www.licoc.org) and click the LIChurch Space link!
- 📖 If you would like to order a cassette tape of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- 📖 All announcements should be submitted to David Luhrs.
- 📖 Address/telephone changes can be e-mailed to [directory@licoc.org](mailto:directory@licoc.org).
- 📖 **Parking reminder** - Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!

**MISSIONARY SUPPORT**

- ✚ Apologetics Press ..... International
- ✚ We Care Ministries ..... West Monroe, Louisiana
- ✚ Ron Clayton ..... India
- ✚ Doug & Lucy McDougle ..... Ukraine, Russia
- ✚ Long Island Harvest Campaign ..... Central Islip, NY
- ✚ City Harvest Campaign ..... Queens, NY

**“Your faith toward God has gone forth...”**

**1 Thessalonians 1:8**

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS MINISTRIES**

Long Island Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Robert Carr.....(631) 348-7322  
*New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.*

City Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Pedro Gelabert ....(347) 732-2101  
*House Churches in Rosedale, St Albans and Fresh Meadows in Queens, New York City. Please call for directions.*

Spanish Ministry.....(Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Charlie Gómez.....(631) 772-2889  
*New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.*

**UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS**

For anyone wanting to use his/her vacation in a fruitful way, take a vacation to help bring souls to Jesus. :) Join a “We Care Ministry” soul winning team and help bring people to the Lord. Learn the techniques of the “We Care Ministry” team leaders: Larry West, Willie Tolison, and Bill Oden. Room and board will be provided. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Bob Carr.

**We Care Campaign Itinerary**

<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>Location</b>
Jan 27 - Feb 7	Phoenix, AZ
Mar 19 - Mar 28	Goldthwaite, TX