

30 DAY CHALLENGE

With the arrival of 2017 also comes our annual time of fasting and prayer. This year it will be called the “30-day challenge”. You and I, as ministry leaders, know the importance of fasting and prayer. But many times without a system of accountability, our best intentions can become nothing more than New Year’s resolutions; and after we have failed miserably, we no longer even acknowledge our short lived goals. I want to see FGEA credentialed ministers, church members and ministry leaders across our fellowship praying, fasting and reading His Word in 2017. How else will each of us grow in Christ and become what he has destined us to become in Him?

Alarming research by LifeWay (from polling done in 2012) found that only 19% of Protestant churchgoers personally read the Bible each day. Translation: 80% of those in your ministry might not be receiving instruction and encouragement from the Word of God each day! I know we may argue “that is not our Full Gospel church stats,” but it might be more true than we want to admit.

Concerning prayer, an Ellis Research survey found that only 16% of PASTORS were satisfied with their personal prayer lives. If that’s true of pastors, how can we expect more of those we lead? We can discover that much of a believer’s prayer life is consumed with “give me - bless me” prayers. Some have personally told me “things are going pretty good; I don’t have anything to pray about.”

This letter is to give you advance information about what is coming. Inside the January President’s Letter (which you should receive before Christmas) you will find a reproducible calendar. It will still contain the name of the FGEA members who are celebrating their birthdays, but it will also contain three boxes:

- o **PRAYER** – check if you completed 15 minutes of prayer
- o **SCRIPTURE** – check if you completed daily scripture reading on that day
- o **FASTED** – check if you fasted meals “as the Lord’s leads”

We are asking you, as a ministry leader, to reproduce and distribute this calendar (or you can create a custom calendar for your ministry) to those in your ministry. Then, collect the calendars at the end of the month. “How” you do it is not as important as it is to get people PRAYING, FASTING AND READING THE WORD!

Accountability is important, so I would like for you to contact me at president@fgeaonline.org and let me know the number of people from your ministry who participated. If we can get people who are involved in our ministries praying and reading the Word daily for 30 days, I believe we will see a spiritual transformation across your ministry and our FGEA fellowship. Credentialed ministers: YOU ARE THE KEY! If you lead, those under your leadership will follow.

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President FGEA