

**The Lamb and the Book Revelation 5:5-10**  
Ronnie Stevens, World Missions Conference Sunday evening

- 1. Assume you are where you are supposed to be.** **1 Corinthians 7:24**  
*"So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God."*
- 2. Assume you are doing what you're supposed to do.** **1 Thessalonians 4:11**  
*"and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you,"*
- 3. Search your memory for any recollection of an unkempt promise to God.** **Ecclesiastes 5:5**  
*"It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay."*  
**NOTE:** IT's never too late to start doing the right thing! **Judges 16:22; Joel 2:25**  
*"But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved."*  
  
*"I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you."*
- 4. Ask yourself if there's any sense the Lord has required something from you which you have held back.** **Philippians 3:8**  
*"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ."*
- 5. Cultivate time alone with God.** **Psalms 105:4; Jeremiah 2:2**  
*"Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!"*  
  
*"Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the LORD, 'I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown.'"*
- 6. Aim for small gains: Realistic and Incremental.** **Matthew 26:40**  
*"And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, 'So, could you not watch with me one hour?'"*  
**NOTE:** Write down your goals and monitor your progress. **1 Timothy 4:15**  
*"Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress."*  
If we shoot at nothing we hit it every time. **Proverbs 4:19**  
*"The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble."*
- 7. Aim at consistency and the consolidation of those gains.**  
**The Christian life is a marathon not a sprint.** **Proverbs 12:27**  
*"Whoever is slothful will not roast his game, but the diligent man will get precious wealth."*
- 8. Ask yourself if you're intentionally harboring secret reservations.** **Joshua 7:1; Acts 5:3-4**  
*"But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the LORD burned against the people of Israel."*  
  
*"But Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? <sup>4</sup>While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.'"*
- 9. Find one person behind you and serve him/her.** **Luke 1:1-4**  
*"Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, <sup>2</sup>just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, <sup>3</sup>it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught."*

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**10. Find one person ahead of you and serve him/her.**

**Acts 16:10**

*"And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."*

**11. Be the church.**

**Matthew 25:45**

*"Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'"*

**12. REMEMBER: A plane ride never made a missionary.**

**13. Once the Lord says "GO" – GET OUT OF HERE!**