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**I don't have time for that.**

Dear Pastor,

This is the last day of 2019. I am grateful for each new day, week, month, and year. They are all opportunities to reflect, review, evaluate, and start fresh. Praise the Lord for new beginnings!

I am reading a book by Ian Prukner called *Byproduct*. It isn't a "Christian" book, *per se*, but does contain a great deal of practical wisdom and insight for achieving one's goals.

Chapter 17 deals with priorities and begins with this challenge: "Instead of saying, 'I don't have time for that,' next time try saying, 'It isn't a priority.'" I found this convicting because I know I spent too much time this past year saying—or thinking—I didn't have time for certain things, when the fact is I was just failing to identify and act on priorities. The reality is, whatever I make time for is a priority. The question is, ***do I have the right priorities?***

"It is/isn't a priority" might be a good way to think in terms of how we are investing our time and resources. So, what will your priorities be in the coming year?

As this year comes to an end, I am inviting you (with hope and prayer!) to make two things a priority in your life and ministry for 2020:



- One is to **pray regularly and by name—privately and publicly—for our elected officials** (I Timothy 2:1-4). I assume if you get this email, you are doing this already.
- The other is to **plan a short-term mission trip to Madison and make a visit with me to your legislators in the Capitol at least once during this next year**. Our elected officials need to know godly pastors who are praying for them, and they need to have the spiritual impact of godly pastors on their lives. Call me anytime for help in making this happen.

May you know the Lord's blessing on your life and ministry in this coming year as you seek to faithfully "feed the flock of God which is among you" (I Peter 5:2).

In Christ,

Dave Lingle  
WFC Church Ambassador

PS: We resume our community events in January. Thursday, January 16, we are in Oconomowoc (western Waukesha County) at Schwefel's Restaurant; and on Thursday, January 23, we will be in Janesville at The Italian House. Register online **HERE** or by calling 888-378-7395. We'd love to have you join us for one of our "2020 Vision: Contending for the Faith, Challenging the Culture" events!

PPS: In March of 2019, as we officially launched the Church Ambassador Network, pastors from around the state delivered copies of the Founders' Bible to the offices of all our state representatives and senators. You might want to consider reading through this Bible, and the 700 pages of articles it contains, as part of your reading program for 2020. I have read all of the articles and biographical sketches; and I believe you would be informed, challenged and encouraged by them. For ordering information, contact Dave Childers, Eagle Foundations LLC, 9569 Coneflower Lane, Johnston, IA, 50131, 515-249-9061, [eaglemandave@gmail.com](mailto:eaglemandave@gmail.com), for pricing and ordering. We still have a few copies of the Bible available in our office, as well. Call us at 888-378-7395 for more information. We make these available for a suggested donation of \$100, our cost for each Bible.