

Avoiding Roadblocks of Uncertainty and Potholes of Confusion

Another year is off to a racing start. Have you paused long enough to decide on your destination, and map your journey through the year?

Without first-class goals our journey is hindered by roadblocks of uncertainty and potholes of confusion. Ron Blue in his book *Evangelism and Missions* suggests that such goals have five essential qualities.

First-class goals are:

1. Simple enough to be understood.
2. Short enough to be remembered.
3. Sensible enough to be achieved.
4. Specific enough to be measured.
5. Stretching enough to be challenging.

Missions Possible Assignment:

I ask that you:

1. Design a calendar of events for this year. I know this sounds simple and obvious but some may overlook this basic planning tool.
2. Compile a short list of goals (using the five essential qualities above).

Now that you have charted your plan; work your plan. God's blessings on the journey!

Suggested Resources:

Here is information on a great book that would be a blessing to your personal library.

Ron Blue. (2001). *Evangelism and Missions (Strategies for Outreach in the 21st Century)*. Nashville, TN, USA: Word Publishing, a unit of Thomas Nelson, Inc.