

# Being Proactive in a Reactive World

## 1. Be proactive in purpose.

*When there's no vision, the people get out of control, but whoever obeys instruction is happy.* Proverbs 29:18

## 2. Be proactive in faith.

*So then, my friends, try even harder to make God's call and his choice of you a permanent experience; if you do so, you will never abandon your faith.* 2 Peter 1:10

*Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.* Hebrews 6:1a

*Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.* Luke 5:16

## 3. Be proactive in relationships.

*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.* Proverbs 27:17

*Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other.* Romans 12:10

## 4. Be proactive in conflict.

*Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.* Romans 12:17

*My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.* John 17:20-21

## **5. Be proactive in service.**

*For we are partners working together for God...*

1 Corinthians 3:9a

## **6. Be proactive in finances.**

*Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish."*

Luke 14:28-30

## **7. Be proactive in witness.**

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Matthew 28:18-20

*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

Romans 10:14