

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

A Happy New Year does not depend upon worldly gain or pleasures. The year that lies ahead of us will be a happy one when we remember to please God. We might face some very trying times but God has promised peace to the faithful. Paul said, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7). Here are a few things we should remember in the coming year.

**H**old fast to your faith (Hebrews 10:23).

**A**ssemble with the saints at all times (Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:41)

**P**ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:16).

**P**repare your heart (John 14:1-3; Romans 10:9-10).

**Y**ield not to temptations (James 1:13-15).

**N**eglect not new opportunities (Galatians 6:10).

**E**xercise yourself (1 Timothy 4:7-8; Acts 24:16; 2 Timothy 2:15).

**W**ork diligently (Titus 3:1; Ephesians 2:10; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

**Y**ield yourselves to righteousness (Romans 6:13).

**E**xamine yourself (2 Corinthians 13:15).

**A**im at the proper goal (Philippians 3:14).

**R**edeem the time (Ephesians 4:15-16; James 4:12-13).

## CHARACTERS TO FOLLOW IN THE NEW YEAR

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During this coming year, it would be best if we tried to imitate someone who is righteous and holy. That way, our lives will be pleasing to God and we will help others also. This year, we need to be more:

- **Like Paul**- forget those things which are behind and press on towards the proper goal (Philippians 4:13).
- **Like David**- even though I may face death, I will fear no evil because God is with me (Psalms 23:4).
- **Like Moses**- choose to suffer "...suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:25).
- **Like Joseph**- flee immoral activities (Genesis 39:9; 1 Corinthians 6:18).
- **Like Andrew**- try to lead others to the Lord (John 1:40-42).
- **Like Barnabas**- be one who encourages my brethren to remain faithful to the Lord (Acts 11:23).
- **Like Job**- be faithful, looking to the Lord through all the trials you may face (James 1:2-4; 5:11)

If this year, you imitate their faithful example, you will be a better Christian and hopefully will help others be converted to Christ!!!!

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### During the New Year:

- I resolve to put spiritual matters first in my life (Matthew 6:33)
- I resolve to study my Bible on a daily basis (Psalms 1:1-2; Acts 17:11).
- I resolve to seek opportunities to teach others (Colossians 4:5).
- I resolve to make prayer a priority in my life (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- I resolve to be transformed by God's Word (Romans 12:2).
- I resolve to walk more by faith and less by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).
- I resolve to think about the well being of others (Philippians 2:3-4).
- I resolve to be more benevolent in the new year (Ephesians 4:28).
- I resolve to always speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).
- I resolve to be like Him (1 John 3:2).