

NEW YEARS -- A GOOD TIME TO PURPOSE

Text: 2 Cor. 9:7

I. SOME MAY NEED TO PURPOSE TO RENEW THEIR FIRST LOVE.

- A. Timothy was preaching at Ephesus when Paul wrote about some “having damnation because they have cast off their first faith” (1 Tim. 5:12).
- B. Later, Jesus dictated a letter to the Ephesians in which He said, “I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember, therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works;’ or else I will come to you quickly & remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent”(Rev. 2:4-5).

Luke 1:10, joy in the presence of angels...

II. MANY SHOULD PURPOSE TO BE BETTER PARENTS.

Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4

III. ALL SHOULD PURPOSE TO READ THE BIBLE FREQUENTLY. Matt. 4:4; Acts 17:11

IV. WE SHOULD PURPOSE TO PRAY MORE FREQUENTLY.

1 Thess. 5:17

Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer & supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Phil. 4:6).

Therefore I exhort, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, & giving of thanks, be made for all; for kings & for all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet & peaceable life in all godliness & reverence (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

V. ATTEND EVERY ASSEMBLY THAT YOU CAN.

And daily in the temple & in every house, they did not cease teaching & preaching Jesus as the Christ (Acts 5:42).

Acts 2:42; Heb. 10:25

VI. PURPOSE TO BE A BETTER FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, CO-WORKER.

Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant (Matt. 20:26). Good Samaritan, LK 10

VII. PURPOSE TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE BEFORE OTHERS.

Matt. 5:16

VIII. MAKE A COMMITMENT TO BE FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH. Rev. 2:10

And let us not grow weary while doing good. In due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart (Gal. 6:9).

If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship with one another & the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

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