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 by 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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