

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
THOUGHTS ON THE NEW YEAR
December 31, 2017**

“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:15-16(NIV)

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE MOST OF 2018, I MUST ...

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.” I Corinthians 9:24-27 (NIV)

T _____ MATTERS

“Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” James 4:13-15 (NIV)

H _____ MY PRIORITIES

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)

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I _____ MY TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE IN WHAT MATTERS MOST

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne. Think of all the hostility He endured from sinful people; then you won’t become weary and give up.” Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

N _____ WITH OTHERS

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

K _____ THE END GAME

“For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.” Philippians 1:20-21 (NIV)

MY NEXT STEPS FOR THE NEW YEAR ARE ...

- Discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
- Pick a Bible reading plan and start reading on January 1st.

FULL BIBLE

Go to your Apple or Android store, download the “Read Scripture” App. Set your start date to January 1, 2018, and prepare to read the whole Bible in a year. Paper copies of this plan are available at the Welcome Center.

NEW TESTAMENT ONLY

Go to your Apple or Android store, and download the YouVersion Bible” App. Open the app, and go into the “Plans” section in the menu and search for “Outreach New Testament”. Set the plan to begin on January 1st, 2018. Paper copies of the plan are available at the Welcome Center.

- Pray for the GNG Haiti Mission Terms
 - 1-2-9-18: Team 1
 - 1-9-16-18: Team2
- Apply this outline to my life in 2018