December 29 | Sunday

New Year. New Creation. Read Galatians 6:14-18



30 | Mon – Ready... | Read Ecclesiastes 3:1

There is an interesting progression in the holidays of this season. Starting in November, we give thanks for the blessings of the past and in December, we move from gratitude to gifting others from the blessings we've received. A week later, we have the opportunity to consider the past 12 months and set goals for the new year. As you reflect on the past year, what are some things that stand out to you and why?

31 | Tue - Set... | Read Isaiah 55:6-9

Tonight there will be many celebrations welcoming a new year. No matter how good the last year has been in some ways, most people are ready for a fresh start. Common resolutions are: to lose weight, exercise more, cut out bad habits or be more intentional with time. If you were to ask the Lord what is the most important change you need, what would *He* say?

01 | Wed – Go! | Read Psalm 51:10

Today's the day for your new start! How will today be different from yesterday? Some people believe that you can change your life by sheer will power and self-discipline, and those are important components, but lasting change starts by answering the question...why? It is the worthiness of the why that sustains you. So what motivates your desire to change?

02 | Thu – Who will you be? | Read Lamentations 3:22-23

This is a new month, a new year and a new decade. You also have the promise that God's mercies are new every single morning of the coming weeks and months. Why? Because God knows we need hope more than once a year. How will you use this new day? For the next twenty-four hours, who will be you be and what will you do?

03 | Fri – What will you do? | Read Colossians 3:9 / Romans 8:5-6

New intentions do not always survive in an old lifestyle. That is the reason why this promise is so important. In yourself, the ability to change is limited but you are promised a new nature, one modeled after Jesus. When you come to him in humility and admit- in spite of your best efforts - you cannot be different than you are, you open the door for the amazing power of new life...and who you are will determine what you will do. Are you ready to change from the inside out?

04 | Sat - Be real | Read John 15:4-5 / Philippians 4:13

Becoming a new person is so much better than changing a few things here and there once a year. Contrary to a popular (mis)belief, God does not help those who help themselves. God helps those who know they *can't* do it on their own. He loves to do *his* work in and through the humble person with a correct understanding of their own limitations. Do you believe it? The life of Jesus will manifest itself when you own these truths. Happy New Year!

