

New Beginning



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**People Don't Plan to Fail
They Fail To Plan**

Why Make Resolutions?

There are areas in our lives we are either

- Unhappy with
- We want to be better

Reflect and change positively

Top 10 New Year's Resolutions

- ❑ Fit in Fitness – Lose Weight
- ❑ Spend More Time with Family & Friends
- ❑ Enjoy Life More (No worries)
- ❑ Be punctual
- ❑ Keep House Clean
- ❑ Quit Drinking & Smoking
- ❑ Say No to Junk Food
- ❑ Get Out of Debt
- ❑ Learn Something New
- ❑ Get Organized

Our Walk in life with the Lord...

- ❑ Walk by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- ❑ Walk in love (Ephesians 5:2)
- ❑ Walk in the spirit (Galatians 5:25)
- ❑ Walk circumspectly (Ephesians 5:15)
- ❑ Walk according to His commandments (2 John 1:6)
- ❑ Walk in truth (3 John 1:4)
- ❑ Walk in the Light (1 John 1:7)

Walking means moving forward

As we had moved into 2008...

Let us leave behind those parts of ourselves that do us no good.

1. Leave Your Resentment Behind

- Forgiving is essential

Matthew 6:14-15

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

We choose to dislike people, based upon what we like or think

2. Leave Your Worries Behind

- Things we can change
- Things we cannot change

Read **Matthew 6:25-34**

... 34. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

3. Leave Your Failures Behind

- ❑ We don't always succeed
- ❑ The only time you fail is when you don't try to do anything!

1 KINGS 8:33-34

"When Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You, and when they turn back to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication to You in this temple, then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You gave to their fathers.

Read **2 Corinthians 13:5-6**

Leave behind completely...

1. Your Resentment
2. Your Worries
3. Your Failures

**Then only we can go purposefully
forward in this new year.**

Grab Hold of the Future

The **merry-go-round of life** has gotten so fast that we now have no chance of stepping off.

EPHESIANS 5:15-17

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Our Time On Earth Is Limited

PSALM 90:10

The days of our lives are seventy years;
And if by reason of strength they are
eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor
and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we
fly away.

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Too much

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- Know your time is limited
- It is your responsibility to make the most of it for the Lord

Don't lose what we have to Overload

- We must also prioritize

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-2

To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die...

As we march forward into 2008, let's

1. Leave behind completely
 - Resentment
 - Worries
 - Failures
2. Grab hold of everything God is giving us
 - Realizing our time is limited
 - Prioritize to keep from getting bogged down

3. Know What The Lord's Will Is...

- ▣ Be diligent.. the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15)

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Conclusion

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- May we all start off a Year Of...
 - New Beginnings
 - New Opportunities
 - New Hope