

Happy New Year



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New Year, Old You?

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The date on the calendar has changed, we are officially into 2009. Do you feel the change or are you the same old you in a new year?

Failed New Year Resolutions that end up being (in the words of my grandmother) Reso-lies, get old after so many years of making new starts to alter your lifestyle just because the date has changed. My mother always told us upon our complaining about our geographic location being why things are not the way we want them to be, or the reason why we

couldn't accomplish what we were seeking, "You take you wherever you go!" In other words, you may change locations, but if you haven't changed anything about yourself, you will get into the same situations, and have the same lifestyle, thus rendering the same results. This truth is the same whether you move to a new state, a new country, or into a new year!

We must prepare and position ourselves for the newness of life that we desire. We can't keep the same mindset and get different

results. We must renew our minds, and take on the mind of Christ. It's time to do in the spirit what you've never done before. It's time to take your praise and worship to another level. God seeks those who worship Him in spirit and in truth. It's time to launch out into the deep. Get off the shore and explore God at a new level and from a new perspective. Don't act like your insane anymore. Do something different, and get something new! Take a new you into a New Year, and see the difference it makes!

It's time to do a Company Check!

1st Corinthians 15:33 NLT states "Bad company corrupts good character." It's time to check your friends and your family, those you've known a long time and those who you've recently met. People often say that you can be "guilty by association." We must

be aware that the company that we keep may be tainting our reputation. Either you will change the people that you are around, or they will change you. You may not always be the influencer when it boils down to the truth. If you find yourself doing things

that you would've never done before you were around certain people this may be a good time to check yourself! Is it really worth tarnishing your great attributes and qualities? You can't change everybody! Don't say you haven't been warned.

Are You Going from Glory to Glory or Mess to Mess? Brought By Minister Jackie Harris

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Most believers quote this verse above when we're facing a difficult challenge in our life telling ourselves, soon this mess will be over, and when it is, we're headed to the next level of glory that God has for us. This won't last long. We're going from glory to glory.

What does it mean to go from glory to glory? This verse doesn't say we're going from a mess to glory. It says we are going from glory to glory- in other words, from a current glorious place to another higher glorious place. This clearly means that you and I won't be promoted to the next realm of glory until the realm where we presently live is glorious. So if we want to go upward into a great glory we have to first make glorious the place where we are living and functioning in right now.

When we see this, it should make us take a good, hard look at our life and ministry and ask ourselves are we living in a glorious stage or am I stuck in an ugly, messy stage of my life. I believe that according to this verse, we won't be moving upward into the next great and glorious place God had (has) for us until the situation we currently find ourselves in becomes glorious! Only then will God promote us to the next level of glory he has promised and planned for our life.

So we must ask ourselves these questions.

1. Have I done all the Lord has asked me to do right now?
2. Have I really completed the assignment as God instructed me to do?
3. Have I done it professionally and on time?
4. Have I made my present financial situation glorious, or am I living in financial shambles.
5. Have I done everything I can to make this present stage of my life a bright and shining example to others or is this part of my life a dismal failure of which I'm embarrassed.

Have I brought this part of my life to a glorious finish?

Now we can try to hide our heads in the sand and pretend that everything in our lives is glorious when it is not, but that does not make everything glorious. In fact denial of the truth will just keep us stuck in the same hard place for a longer period of time. To move into the next phase of our life in God, we must be willing to open our eyes, step out of denial and acknowledge that we need to be transformed. It may be difficult on our flesh and pride, but eventually a time comes when you must look in the mirror to see what is really there. Self deception will cost you.

MOTIVATIONAL THOUGHTS..... Mistakes

mis·take v.

1 : to blunder in the choice of (mistook her way in the dark)

2 a : to misunderstand the meaning or intention of :

MISINTERPRET (don't

mistake me, I mean exactly what I said)

b : to make a wrong judgment of the character or ability of

3 : to identify wrongly : confuse with another

[Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary](#)

“The successful man will profit from his mistakes and try again in a different way.

—Dale Carnegie

“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.” - Albert Einstein

To err is human; to admit it, superhuman. - Doug Larson

“While one person hesitates because he feels inferior; the other is busy making mistakes and becoming superior.” - Henry C Link

“The man who does things makes mistakes, but he doesn't make the biggest mistake of all –doing nothing.” - Benjamin Franklin

How I see it! - Youth

What does a New Year mean to you? A new season of joy, a new start, new beginnings, greater blessings, more miracles, fresh starts.

What plans do you have for the new year? To turn another year older, to have the best year of my life so far, to stay out of trouble, to have a better attitude, to have better grades, to obey my parents.

What do you want to do this year different from last year? I want to move to a new house, to get my miracle, to act right, to try new activities– things I'm not used to, to tell more people about God and Jesus.

How will you accomplish or do this? Leave it in God's hands, obey and behave, get my attitude straight, be more friendly, don't act like a hypocrite, don't be scared about what others think about it.



Things to Meditate On...

...In with the New

before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Isaiah 43:19Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 62:2And the nations shall see your righteousness and vindication [your rightness and justice--not your own, but His ascribed to you], and all kings shall behold your salvation and glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name.

Psalms 96:1O SING to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Isaiah 42:9Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;

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state government, and
national government
leaders in prayer!

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Telling yourself that everything is all right when it isn't may temporarily relieve you from the pain of having to look at the facts head-on but in the end ignoring the facts will cost you so much more in terms of time, heartbreak, and defeat.

Truthfulness can be painful but well worth it to produce change and the change I am describing to you is only initiated when you are willing to get honest with yourself and God about your behavior, your attitudes, and the condition of every area of your life at this present

moment. The Holy Spirit will show you the areas where you really need to be transformed. He will change you and as this kind of transformation begins to work in you, you will become more and more prepared for upward movement and promotion in your life.

So if the stage of life you are in right now is not glorious, you will be stuck in the current mess until you become willing to look honestly at your situation, and begin to make the changes that are required to make your present status more glorious.

Once you do the God will be ready to move you upward and onward to the next more glorious place you are longing to experience. God wants to take you from glory to glory, however He isn't bothered if He has to wait until you correctly finish your current task. When you get serious about doing what is necessary to make your present situations glorious, you signal the Holy Spirit that it's time to open the way to the next glorious place God has prepared for your life. We go from glory to glory.