

Goals for a New Year

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Introduction

1. Hebrews 6:12
 - a. We are not there yet, so let us go on. Verse 1, 9-11
 - b. The ultimate goal is perfection and this has the idea of maturity and completeness
 - c. We do not live completely free from sin or mistakes, but we can grow stronger and closer to God.
2. Philippians 3:13-14
 - a. Paul saw the need to keep reaching forward.
 - b. When he came to the end of his life he was confident that he had reached his goal 2 Timothy 4:6-8
 - c. As we begin a new year, our goal ought to be ultimately the same as Paul's and that is heaven
3. Whether we implement them on January 1 or not resolutions are biblical ideas. The idea of setting goals to improve ourselves finds considerable support in the Bible
4. What are some goals or resolutions that we ought to have?

II Discussion

1. Time Ephesians 5:16
 - a. Redeeming the idea is to buy back
 - b. How are we using our time?
2. Money
 - a. 1 Timothy 6:10 Love of money is the root of all evil, so we ought to control this desire. Cf. verse 17
 - b. Matthew 6:19-21 Laying up in the proper place is important but taking care of family is also 1 Timothy 5:8
 - c. Matthew 25:14-30 Proper stewardship in important
3. Health and fitness
 - a. 1 Timothy 4:8 physical fitness contributes to good health;
 - b. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 it is important that we take care of our bodies
4. Family
 - a. Ephesians 5:25
 - b. Ephesians 6:4
 - c. How much time and money are we willing to spend on family relationships?
5. Habits 1 Corinthians 6:12
 - a. Good or bad?
6. Spiritual growth
 - a. Bible knowledge 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Timothy 1:5 (end or termination, hence goal has been reached) ESV
 - b. Prayer 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 12:12
 - c. Spirituality Romans 8:6
 - d. Holiness 1 Peter 1:15-16

7. Helps to accomplish these goals
 - a. Persistence 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - b. Perspective setting good goals too much at once
 - c. Progress enjoy small victories
 - d. Perception 2 Corinthians 5:7
 - e. Person Jesus Christ can empower you Philippians 4:13

III Conclusion

1. Set your goals, determine how to get there, and then go after them
2. Is your goal heaven? It ought to be
3. If it is are you doing what is necessary to get there?
4. Do whatever it takes,
5. Start now by doing what God said to do.

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