

NEW YEAR'S DEVOTIONS

I Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,
forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 15:58

Read – Joshua 1:1-9

Examine –

- Not all these promises are necessarily related to us (Ex. Every place you walk is not yours) but the principles in this passage are applicable.
1. What has just happened to Joshua?
 2. What major event is about to happen?
 3. What promise in verse 3 is stated for us in Hebrews 13:5?
 4. What two words does he use 3 times in this passage?
 5. What should not depart from them?
 6. Why should it not?
 7. If they do this they will be what?
 8. What should he not be in verse 9?

Apply-

So our first two things for the New Year are:

- 1) God is with us!
- 2) The Word of God is the key!

Has the Word been the key in your past?

Be thinking what you want your life mission to be for this year.

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Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 15:58

Read – Psalm 1:1-6

Examine –

1. How does a man become blessed?
2. Does there seem to be a progression in verse 1?
If yes, explain it.
3. In what does the blessed man delight?
4. What does he do day and night?
5. What will be the results?
 - The one that matches Joshua 1:8.
6. Define Chaff –
7. Verse 5 says the ungodly will not do what?
8. What does God know?
9. What happens to the ungodly?

Apply-

Now we can add two more!

- 1) Avoid wrong associations
- 2) Meditate on God's Word

Do you Meditate ("chew over") God's Word?

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 15:58

Read – Philippians 3:10-16

Examine –

1. Who did Paul want to know?
2. What did he want to know about his resurrection?
3. Had Paul already attained?
4. Of whom was Paul apprehended?
5. What does Paul do? (2 parts to it)
6. He presses toward what?
7. We should be how?
8. How should we walk?

Apply-

We keep adding to our list:

- 1) Know God.
- 2) Continue to push forward.

Do you know God? I mean, really know Him personally and His character qualities, what He likes and dislikes?

List some things that you know about Him that makes Him special to you personally?

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Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 15:58

Read – Galatians 1:10; 2:20

Examine –

Galatians 1:10

1. Answer questions 1 and 2 in the text, honestly below.

2. If you are pleasing men, what are you not?

3. Read James 4:4. If you love the world, what does that make you?

Galatians 2:20

4. Are you crucified with Him?

5. Are you allowing Him to live through you?

6. How does he live in the flesh?

7. God _____ us.

8. What did he do for us?

Apply-

Let's add some more to our list:

1) We must be dead to our own wants and desires.

2) We must seek only His approval.

Are you dead to self?

Are you seeking men's approval?

List some ways that you tend to do this:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 15:58

Read – Romans 12:1-2

Examine –

1. Define Beseech –
2. To whom is he talking?
3. Why should we do this?
4. What should we do?
5. We should be ____! (I Peter 1:16)
6. What kind of service is this?
7. To what should we not be conformed?
8. We should be what?
9. How do we do this?
10. If we do these things, what will we discover?

Apply-

Let's add a couple more:

- 1) Don't be like the world.
- 2) Totally surrender to God, and he will show you His will.

Are you like the world?

In music?

In dress?

In language?

In friends?

In attitudes?

In entertainment?

In obedience?

In motives?

In things you talk about?

In things you think about?

We are to be separate from these things!

Date: _____

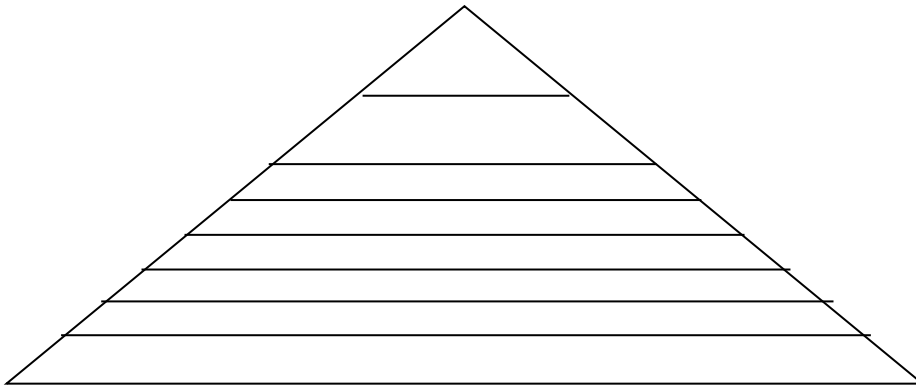
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Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 15:58

Read – II Peter 1:5-9

Examine –

1. We should give all _____ in this passage.
2. Fill in the pyramid below:



Some definitions of the above will help:

1. Virtue – a conscious choice to live Holy
2. Temperance – self control
3. Patience – endurance
4. Brotherly kindness – practical caring

3. Now go back and number your strengths down to your weaknesses.
4. If these things are in you, you will not be what?
5. If you lack these things you are what? (3 things)
6. So is it possible to be saved and not remember or realize it?

Apply-

If we're not growing, then we are dying. Therefore, let's add one more principle:

- We must always be trying to improve on our Christian life.

Are you going forward or backward?

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 15:58

Read – I Corinthians 15:58; Gal. 6:7-9

Examine –

1. Who is he addressing?
2. We should be what? (3 things)
3. In what should we be abounding?
4. What is not in vain?
5. For whom are we laboring?
6. Who is not mocked?
7. What will you reap?
8. If you sow to the flesh, you will reap what?
9. If you sow to the spirit, you will reap what?
10. In what should we not be weary?
11. What will happen if we don't faint?

Apply- Let's add our last two:

- 1) We should be sowing good, then we will reap good.
- 2) We can't give up if we want to see the benefits.

What kind of seed are you sowing? (List some)

Have you been impatient in waiting for the fruit from the good?

The more seeds you plant, the more fruit you will bear.

Principles from the Week:

1. God is with us.
2. The Word of God is the key.
3. We must avoid wrong associations.
4. We need to meditate on God's Word.
5. We need to know God.
6. We need to continue to push forward.
7. We must be dead to our own wants and desires.
8. We must seek only His approval.
9. We must not be like the world.
10. Total surrender to God allows us to know His will.
11. We must always try to improve on our Christian life.
12. We must be sowing good in order to receive good.
13. We can't give up if we want to see the benefits.

Now take the principles and write a mission statement for **your** life for **this** year. Don't just rewrite everything but really think it through and make a clear concise statement. Share this mission statement with your mentor!

According to God's Word, where will your plans cause you to end up?