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Joshua 1:7

“Only be thou strong and very courageous...”

WEEKLY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday

10:00—10:30 AM
All Church Prayer

Sunday 11:00 AM
Sunday School
Morning Worship

Sunday 6:00 PM
Evening Worship

Wednesday 7:00 PM
Bible Study & Prayer
Children’s Ministry

Friday 7:00
RUI Ministry

Saturday 10:30 AM
All Church
Soul Winning

Nursery Provided

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Brand New Day

So many things I have are old.
Some badly worn-out;
I look around quite longingly
And wish that they were new.
But then there always comes to me
This thought, and so I say,
At least I have with all the world
Each morn a brand new day!

The hours are clean and fresh and bright,

A gift from God to me.
And even in the tasks assigned
I have the liberty
To fill these hours with lovely thoughts,
With faith and hope and prayer,
Plant seed of goodness that will grow
And bounteous fruitage bear.

-Della Adams Leitner

Happiness Hints for the New Year

Matthew 6:24-34

CULTIVATE GOD: Have faith and use it. God will multiply it. The more faith is used, the more you have. Do you use your faith just on Sunday, or do you use it everyday? Everyday we depend on washers to wash our clothes, dryers to dry our clothes, the lights to come on, the car to start, the sun to come up and many, many more things. But do we depend on the Lord each day? He can help us in so many ways. Do we trust Him while we do our daily chores? Do we trust Him when we plan our meals (especially if company is coming)?

Our daily activities would go much smoother if we would ask the Lord to help us.

Begin each day with the Lord. We hurry and scurry about in the mornings, but why no get up a few minutes earlier and have some time with your Lord and Saviour. Start with a few verses of Scripture and then prayer.

The world puts God last. Let us put Him First!

Happiness is not a station you arrive at,
But a manner of traveling.

~Rochelle Strickland, Arizona

Philippians 3:13-14

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”





On Eagle's Wings

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2012; A YEAR OF NEW BEGINNINGS

Romans 13:11-14 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Those who know me, know I love the New Year, just like I love Mondays. Mondays are like mini-New Years. A new week, a fresh start. No mistakes yet. And New Year's Day is just a giant Monday. No wins, no losses, everyone in first place. Just like the start of Baseball Season (which is getting closer). But this is a time to reflect on things you would like to change and improve on, or make a decision to keep on the forward-moving path you are on.

I never make New Years resolutions, because they last about as long as the day. But I overheard a young man ask his father what his New Year's resolution was. "Well son", the father said, "my New Year's resolution is to make sure your mother has the best year ever!" Wow! The son was impressed. So he asked his Mom the same question; "Son, my resolution is to make sure your father keeps his resolution!" That's pretty good.

But to be honest, too many people make a resolution to drag many of the negative things from last year into the new year. How silly. Look at what the Apostle Paul said about that:

Philippians 3:13-14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

We must forget those things which we left behind and reach forth unto those things which are before. In other words, leave the garbage where it belongs! In last year! Garbage like:

- **Resentment!** We all have things we resent. Things we have done or said, and things that others have done or said to us. Along with resentment comes unforgiveness, and unforgiveness is a very dangerous thing to be carrying around in the new year. Jesus said if we forgive, God will forgive us. We'll never forget, but we must forgive and move along.
- **Worries!** Worries are like rocking chairs. They give you something to do, but they never take you anywhere while doing it. We worry about things we can't change, and we worry about things we can. Why waste time doing something that can only hurt us? Worry is the prime cause of fear, and one of Satan's favorite strategies against us.
- **Failures!** We try so hard to be the best we can be, but we don't always succeed. And it is those times that get us discouraged because we think we've failed. But what have we failed in? We may not have achieved exactly what we set out to, but we haven't failed. The only time we fail is when we don't ever try. We must

understand that God has called us to have FAITH long before He called us to achieve. We are called to "put on Christ", and as long as we are in Him, we are successful!

So we must LEAVE THE OLD YEAR BEHIND and GRAB HOLD OF THE NEW YEAR with both hands! Consider the "daring young man on the flying trapeze!" He flies through the air with the greatest of ease. That daring young man on the flying trapeze. But, for that daring young man to complete his act, he must let go of the one swing before he can properly grab hold onto the other. Imagine if he were too afraid to let go. Or if he just liked that old swing better and didn't want to grab the new one. He wouldn't get very far. And, because he is "daring", he flies with no net. So, he would get stuck betwixt and between and would never achieve the heights he was designed to.

We, as God's children are designed to achieve great heights for God. Souls to be saved, new converts to be disciple and everything in between. But when we are so afraid to go courageously into the New Year because of the "garbage" we are carrying from the old, God cannot use us for the purpose intended.

The things we should take into the New Year are the love we have for one another, and for a loving, holy and righteous God. We need to take the memories of accomplishments, souls that were saved and lives that were changed. Memories of sweet fellowships and potlucks! Study Phil 4:8 and "think on those things." And let's make it a habit of leaving the garbage in 2011!

Keep Lookin UP!

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.



The love that reaches out to those who can make no return, the love that blesses them that curse us, and prays for them that spitefully use us and persecute us, and would die for those that would take our very lives—this is the love of God.

I Almost Went To Church

Submitted by Pastor David Bueckert, Calgary

1. I almost went to church last night
But I couldn't find the time.
So much to do about the house,
To leave it would be a crime!
So I brushed and sewed and polished
And went wearily to bed.
But I made a resolution
To go next week instead.



2. I almost went to church last night
But then an old friend came;
And to have closed the door on him
Would have been a shame.
So we talked and chatted and gossiped
Until the good-byes were said.
So I made a resolution
To go next week instead.

3. I almost went to church last night
But something made me late;
And unpunctuality
Is a sin I really hate!
So I didn't go and stayed at home
And to my conscience said:
But I made a resolution
To go next week instead.

4. I almost went to church last night
But the air was chill and cold.
Would be foolish I'd been told

To venture out on such a night
So I sat by the fire,
Took up a book and read.
But I made a resolution
To go next week instead.

5. I almost went to church last night, But a certain
preacher was there
And for that type of preaching
I didn't really care
So rather than go to church
And come home with heavy head,
I made a resolution
To go next week instead.

6. I almost went to church last night.
But my favorite program was on;
And by the time it ended
The time for church was gone.
I stayed before the telly
Until the set was dead.
I'll make a resolution
To go next week instead.

7. I actually went to church last night,
But I went too late!

8. The church was locked and silent,
'For Sale' was on the gate.
Oh the remorse that then I felt,
For that little cause was dead:
And I, 'Twas I who killed it
By going next week instead.

Interpretations of Love

PATIENCE is love on the anvil, bearing blow after blow of suffering.

ZEAL is love in the harvest field, never tiring of toil.

MEEKNESS is love in company, when it vaunteth not itself.

PERSEVERANCE is love on a journey, pressing on with unflagging step toward the end.

JOY is love making its own sunshine, where others see nothing but gloom.

POWER is love driving soul's chariot wheels over all opposition.

GENTLENESS is nothing but love in her own sweet voice and charming manner.



LOVE NEVER FAILETH

"What's New About You?"

II Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Have you ever seen his skin? What a wriggling and turning and squirm-



a caterpillar shed hard time he has squiggling and ing to get out of that old tight, too-dry, too-small, too-uncomfortable old shell. Finally, there he is-the old skin gone and soft summer breezes tickling his new skin-a skin that's soft, tender, bright, and full of promise.

Well, in some ways that little caterpillar's old dead skin is jut like the old, worn-out year we have just shed. What a relief to have it gone. What a joy to have a brand new one before us-one that is bound to be our best-or so we tell ourselves; one free, so far, from errors and quarrels and wrong thoughts and hurt feelings; one full of new hope, new joy, new life, new faith, new love, new peace. A really, truly new year.

WE can have all these "New Things" in our lives if.....

1. WE put God into our "Love Life". God can give you a deeper love for your husband, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your brothers and sisters, your

friends, and your fellow-workers. God can give you a new love for a new year.

2. God can give you new hope. After all, who more than your own Heavenly Father wants this year to be the best possible one for you. (Matthew 7:11)

3. God can give you new joy. Jesus prayed for us "That your joy might be full" (John 15:11). The joy God wants for us is more than a smile, a witty saying, laughter or constant jokes. He wants a joy for us that, instead of being put on from the outside, starts at the inside and cannot help but work it's way out.

4. God can give you a new faith for a new year. (Hebrews 11:6).

5. God can give you a new peace. As a matter of fact, God can give you a whole new life. All of the old mistakes, shame, despair, cynicism, bitterness, critical spirit, loneliness- all can be gone.

And in their place can be a newness of hear, of interests, of joy, and of spirit. This transformation is not accomplished merely with resolutions, but by believing in Christ,

By trusting Him completely. This is His new life for a new year for you. The new love and new hope and new joy and all of the other new qualities are a part of it.

Just One Request

"Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing~
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But I do ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy hear will be~
If I am seeking just to do~
The thing that pleaseth Thee."

Lord

There are countless things in my
life~that are~
INEXCUSABLE
UNEXPLAINABLE
There are things
IRREFUTABLE
And things
IRRESPONSIBLE
But is comes to me with
UNUTTERABLE RELIEF
That because of your
AMAZING LOVE
Nothing in my life is
UNFORGIVABLE.



His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper,
I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."

What will the New Year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."



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"Excuse Me, Are You Jesus?"

Submitted by James Brummet, Yakima, Wash.



A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, on of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did. The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, 'Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?' She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

AS the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him,, 'Mister....' He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, 'Are you Jesus?'

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: 'Are you Jesus?'

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our Destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even thought we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

God is like **BAYER ASPIRIN**
He works miracles.

God is like A **Ford**
He's got a better idea...

God is like **COKE**
He's the real thing

God is like **TIDE**
He gets the stains our that
others leave behind

God is like
GENERAL ELECTRIC
He brings good things to
life.

God is like **SEARS**
He is everlasting.

God is like **ALKA-SELTZER**
Try Him, you'll like Him

God is like **SCOTCH TAPE**
You can't see Him, but you
know He's there.

God is like **DELTA**
He's ready when you are.

God is like **ALLSTATE**
You're in good hands
with Him.

God is like
MAXWELL HOUSE
Good to the very last drop.

God is like **DIAL SOAP**
Aren't you glad you have
Him? Don't you wish
everybody did?

God is like
The U.S. POST OFFICE
Neither rain, nor snow, nor
sleet, nor ice will keep Him
from his appointed
destination.

God is like **BOUNTY**
He is the quicker picker
upper. Can handle the
tough jobs...and He won't
fall apart on you.





A well-developed sense of humor is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life.



Blond Rider

Submitted by Kathie Anderson, Calgary

A blond decides to try horseback riding, even though she has had no lessons, nor prior experience.



She mounts the horse unassisted, and the horse immediately springs into motion.

It gallops along at a steady and rhythmic pace but the blonde begins to slide from the saddle.

In terror, she grabs for the horse's mane, but cannot seem to get a firm grip.

She tries to throw her arms around the horse's neck, but she slides down the horse's side anyway.

The horse gallops along, seemingly impervious to it's slipping rider.

Finally, giving up her frail grip, the blond attempts to leap away from the horse and than herself to safety.

Unfortunately, her foot has become entangled in the stirrup, she is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as her head is struck against the ground over and over.

As her head is battered against the ground, she is mere moments away from unconsciousness when, to her great fortuneFrank, The Wal-Mart greeter,

Sees her dilemma and unplugs the horse!

A Sunday school teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments to her preschool class. After explaining the commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"



Without missing a beat one little girl answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

An old Christian cowboy once told his great-grandson his secret to living a long life: "Sprinkle a pinch of gun powder on your cereal every morning."

One hundred years later, the grandson finally died, having taken his great-grandfather's advice. He left behind ten children, thirty-five grandchildren, sixty great -grandchildren, thirteen great-great-grandchildren, and an eighty-foot hole where the crematory used to be.



How Is Norma?



A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me haw a patient is doing?"

The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said, "Nora Findlay, Room 302."

The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room."

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said,

"I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?" The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me anything."



