

From the Pastor's Pen

Well, here we are, looking at a new year, at which time usually comes the desire for us to make fresh starts or new beginnings. We set goals hoping to produce a desired outcome; most of the goals for these fresh starts are pretty common to us all. The outcomes that we are looking for are typically among the following: a healthier life; a wealthier life; a happier life; a more meaningful life; and—not to be left out—a Godlier life.

I assume that we recognize that these outcomes are actually the by-products of discipline, habits, and practices based on teaching or training philosophies that are known to produce said outcomes. For example, you don't just decide you are going to be happy and then truly feel happy, but rather the happier life is the result of learning to be content with what you have and focusing on helping others. Before you realize it, you find that you are happier, due to the fact that you have moved your focus from your circumstances and yourself to others.

Anyhow, I thought that I would give you the “heads up” that God our Creator knows how we are wired, and hence has His own proven training program. It is just what we need if we are going to succeed in our new year's resolutions!

God bless you as you embark on a new adventure this year!

Proverbs 3:1-10 (NIV)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,

² for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

*³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.*

⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.

⁸ This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;

¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

See you in Church!

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