

A Good Year!

What is a year?

1. The time taken by a planet to make one revolution around the sun. The length of the earth's year depends on the manner of calculation, but for ordinary purposes is taken to be the solar year; roughly 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds in length.
2. The period of 365 days (or 366 days in leap years) starting from the first of January, used for reckoning time in ordinary affairs
This is the Gregorian Year!

There are other measures of time - academic year, fiscal year, birth year, etc.

Carl Sanburg, a Poet said "Time is the most valuable coin in your life, you and you alone will determine how that coin will be spent.

What makes 2012 a Year Good?

As far as the natural eyes can see, 2012 presents itself as a 'busy' year. With talk of double-dip recessions, a possible partial or even full break-up of the Eurozone and unemployment rates set to hit nearly 9%, topics such as organisational streamlining, staff resilience and talent management are likely to be on many lips over the next 12 months.

What of global changes, religious and political upheavals? Threats of natural and 'man-made' disasters, etc.

But to lighten the gloom here in the UK, we are looking forward to:

- Queen's Diamond Jubilee and its attendant public holidays at the start of June.
- two weeks of Olympic Games from 27 July to 12 August and the Paralympics from 29 August to 9 September.

So with an interesting but challenging year you need to build your faith and fuel your prayers for your personal good and advancement of God's Kingdom.

Jeremiah 6:16,

To go through this Good Year as the earth rotates around the sun, you need direction, desires, decisions, and discipline.

Direction - requires not just the starting point but also the end point. You need to coordinate your spiritual, emotional, physical, financial compass. Make sure there is harmony in your life:

- Don't 'rob Peter to pay Paul'.
- Choose the enabling flight not necessarily the cheapest! Avoid draining stopovers that save pennies but waste time.
- Travel light! Avoid the baggage that is 'explosive' or not productive.
- Choose the right company or companions - avoid moaners and grumblers.

Desires - there is no point moaning your past! Identify desires that create energy from within you! What gives life to your mortal body? What do I want to achieve or avoid?

Thank God for dreams, visions and desires as they come. Keep a journal and pictures that spur you on.

Decisions - because we all have limitations, desires when accessed through the lens of resources and God's help enable us to make decisions. In every decision is a seed of legacy! You don't make decisions because they are easy, cheap, or popular but because they are right! You need serenity, courage and wisdom (prayer of Reinhold Neibuhr).

- Any decision that violates your personal value is a bad decision.
- Open up your world of 'Options'!
- You must overcome the mental block that evade our minds when crisis arise.
- Seek godly counsel.
- Make decisions in the context of time.
- Take responsibility for your decision.
- Stay committed to your decision, but stay flexible in your approach.

Discipline -

Good decision puts us in the race, but good discipline take us to the finishing line.

John Maxwell captures it well "successful people make right decisions early and manage it daily." - James 4:17 anyone who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. The way to hell is paved with good intentions.

Conclusion:

No matter how difficult the challenge, when we spread our wings of faith anchored on the word of God and the Holy Spirit, no obstacle is too great to overcome.

Proverbs 1:20-33

There is a clarion call for Godly Wisdom to anyone who desires a GOOD Year!

There is a compelling demand for divine justice on those who ignore God. Also, there is a way out for those who hear and hearken to Divine counsel. "All who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm."

Declaration:

By faith I stand upon God's word and in agreement with the Holy Spirit, I make the following declarations over 2012:

1) Genesis 1:1

I affirm my total and ultimate allegiance to God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

whose eternal dominion transcends all things earthly!

2) Genesis 1:31

The year 2012 may appear void, chaotic, and dark to others but I see the Good God working out His goodness in my life, family, church and nation.

3) Deuteronomy 11: The year 2012 is a good year because God is good and in charge.

4) Psalm 65:11

God crowns 2012 with His goodness, even the hars pathways overflow with abundance.

5) Psalm 74:20

God shall remember His covenant promises for the land is full of darkness and violence.

6) 1 Kings 3: Ecclesiastes 11:4

I am a farmer in God's field! The weather may not look right but God will still be faithful with His promised harvest. I will not hold back my seed!

7) Isaiah 54:14-17

We shall be far from terror

We shall eat the bread of sorrow nor drink from the cup of supplication.

Prayers

Job 22:21-30