

SERMON OUTLINE

WHAT'S NEXT - Philippians 3:7-14

- I. New Years Resolutions:
 - First, it forces us to look at ourselves—to be honest about our failures and our need to change.
 - Second, making a list of resolutions can turn us to God.
- II. First thing we must do is know, understand and believe in God's purpose for you.

“My life purpose is to love Christ, grow in Christ, share Christ, and serve Christ through his Church, and to lead my family and others to do the same.
- III. Second thing is to reflect on where we have been AND —to be honest about our failures and our need to change. Then ask God to see if He concurs and /or the list is complete.

2 Corinthians 13:5-8 MSG
Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it.
- IV. Third step is to plan how and where change needs to happen.

Mathew 22:37-39
Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. ’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.’
- V. The Apostle Paul instructs us to humble ourselves and set the only goal that matters

Philippians 3:13-14
Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- VI. The Apostle Paul's last words in his second letter to the Church in Corinth

2 Corinthians 13:11-14 MSG
And that's about it, friends. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure. Greet one another with a holy embrace. All the brothers and sisters here say hello. The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Take some alone time, with paper and pen, and reflect over this last SPIRITUAL YEAR.
2. Thank God for the opportunity to grow and seek His forgiveness for those times you did not follow Him and His purpose.
3. Search God's Living and Active Word for a better understanding of His purpose and discuss with others who are spiritually strong in their faith.