

Thursday, February 19, 2015 - How am I Doing?

Where have we been? Where are we? Where do we want to go? What do we want to be? How do we get there?

Goal setting is nothing more than planning ahead. New Years Day brings a time of starting anew when it comes to goals whether it be in relationships, careers and even our health. Too often the focus, when related to health, is concentrated on our physical health. While concern about ones physical condition is time well spent, it certainly is of no value if we neglect our Spiritual well being.

What Spiritual goals did you set for yourself in 2015? Have you kept them? Please consider the following thoughts of ways in which we can be Spiritually healthy and eternally blessed.

1) Do we read our Bible daily? This is a worthy goal but is reading enough? Do we study what God has to say to each of us in His Holy Word and let it change our lives? Are we willing to submit our will to His?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 -All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2) Have we committed ourselves to attending Bible Study and each worship service by allowing nothing to stand between us and God? Why would any of us miss an opportunity to study and worship Jehovah by allowing secular events, regardless of what it is or when it occurs, to place us in a position of missing time with brothers and sisters in Christ?

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...

Hebrews 10:24-25 - And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

3) Have we committed to not place ourselves in situations where temptations arise and can give way to sin? Too many of us think "we can handle it" or "it's OK as long as no one knows" Both of those schools of thought are both foolish and wrong. Seeking God and His Kingdom require us to seek things which are higher and nobler. Those can't and won't be found where the world dwells.

Proverbs 16:25 - There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

James 1:13-15 - Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Colossians 3:9-10 - Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him

1 John 1:5-10 - This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse

us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Growing Spiritually is the most wonderful goal you can accomplish in your life and it is attainable when we allow ourselves to be humbled, submissive and understand the love God has for us.

Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.