

Lookin' Back To See If You Were Lookin' Back To See!
A New Year's Sermon
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Reasons We Look Back.

1. To _____.
2. To _____.
3. To _____.

A Course Of Action For The New Year

1. Look _____.
2. _____ it out.
3. _____ your findings
4. _____ based on your findings.

Keep spiritual things in focus as you plan:

Philippians 3:14 – *“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which god has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

James 4:13-15 – *“Now listen, you who say, “today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”*

John 14:6 – *Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.”*

Matthew 6:33 – *“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness....”*

II Cor. 5:6-9 – *“Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.”*

DON'T make a New Year's _____!

DO ASK for a New Year's _____!

Ask God: What do you have to say to me about 2009?

Appendix to Sermon:

Realizing that it is easy for humans to allow the flesh to speak too loudly as we make plans for the future, I thought I would add this bit of guidance in establishing a good foundation for the new year.

Typically a New Year's Resolution originates from our own agenda, needs, and wants. A revelation from God, on the other hand, should originate from – well God. In order to establish our priorities for a new year, it is prudent for us to establish what the priorities of God are. This will help prevent our priorities from becoming more important than they ought. So, what do we know about the priorities of God?

To keep it simple, I have taken the words of Jesus found in Matthew 22:

... an expert in the law, tested (Jesus) with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:35-40 (NIV)

Do you see God's priorities? Total love for God, love for self, love for others.

This is what I believe: If all of the law and the prophets hang on these three actions, then most revelations we receive from God will hang on these as well. As you take time to listen for God's revelation for the coming year, asking these three questions will help keep your priorities in line with God's.

1. What is God saying to me about my love for Him?
2. What is God saying to me about my own personal development (health, behavior, attitudes, and activities)?
3. What is God saying to me about the relationships in my life?