



*Applying God's Word
To My Life...*

A NEW YEAR'S INVENTORY

Am I a servant?

Jesus said that he came not to be served, but to serve. Could you describe yourself in that way? Circle your answer.

No, not at all 1 2 3 4 5 I am trying to be a servant

We are compelling messengers" when we care for others. If that is true, how compelling are you as Christ's messenger? Circle your answer.

It's hard enough to look out for #1 1 2 3 4 5 I'm working on it

Loving God, loving others

Isaiah made it clear that God is not impressed with worship, prayer, fasting, and preaching if we don't love others. How are you doing in the area of showing you love God by loving others? Circle your answer.

Not interested 1 2 3 4 5 I know this is the acid test and I want to pass it.

Showing the truth

Jesus served others and met their needs and because they knew He cared, they listened to him. Are you currently doing anything for others that will make them want to listen to the truth? Circle your answer.

I shouldn't have to do anything 1 2 3 4 5 I am developing plans to care to get people to listen to me so I can share.

What reveals what matters?

Our checkbooks and our calendars reveal what matters most to us. What do yours' say is most important? Circle your answer.

That people really aren't important 1 2 3 4 5 That people are a priority



Preparation of My Heart...

Lord, I praise You for:

Lord, I lift up the vital needs of my spiritual family:

Lord, I lift up the following personal needs:

LOSE IT ALL TO GAIN EVERYTHING

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INTRODUCTION: Many things run through our minds as we enter a new year. Many people make "New Year's Resolutions" but, according to recent polls, very few actually keep them:

This drive to be better, to have a more effective and meaningful life is not new. And, it isn't about making a few resolutions every New Year which we probably won't keep. It's more about setting some realistic goals and making sure we hit them.

Centuries ago, the Apostle Paul gave us his goals for finding a better life. He said that you have to lose it all to gain everything!



Scripture: Philippians 3:7-11

In verse 10 Paul gives us his three main goals in life, what would happen in our lives if we made these our main goals as well for 2011?

I. GOAL #1 TO KNOW CHRIST AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION (v.IOa)

- A. If Christ was not resurrected from the dead
 - I. He was no different from any of the other great leaders
 - II. If Christ was not resurrection you and I won't be either

- B. When Paul talks about wanting to know Christ and the power of His resurrection he is talking about logic:
I Cor. 15:12-20

ASSIGNMENT: Make this goal your focus for the next two weeks, being determined to know Christ better

II. GOAL #2-TO KNOW CHRIST IN HIS SUFFERING (V. IOb)

- A. This is an exclusive club-this fellowship of sharing"
 - I. Jesus told His disciples that He would have to suffer
 - II. And, they also would suffer
 - III. No servant is better than his master

- B. Paul knew that the sufferings would be worth the reward and we too are invited to join this exclusive fellowship of sharing.

ASSIGNMENT: Read in great detail how our Lord suffered before His death and also how the Apostle Paul suffered for his faith ask yourself if you are ready to join them

III. GOAL #3-TO BE CONFORMED TO HIS DEATH (v.IOc) I

- A. The death and resurrection of Jesus are the center of God's Plan of SALVATION

- I. He came to suffer and die that we might be saved.
- II. Salvation is the Father's business and the Son's major goal
 - *Luke 19:10
 - *John 3:16

- B. Paul says, "I want to be involved in that mission"

ASSIGNMENT: review your commitment to the cause of Christ and your willingness to be conformed to His death and mission.

**CONCLUSION-one more thing ... if we do those three things Paul says we will also "join Him in His resurrection"
Why not let these goals be your goals for 2011???**

