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"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Christian Symbol



Olive Branch

The Olive Branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration.

The Olive Branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things
The things of this past year
The Lord will do new things in us
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

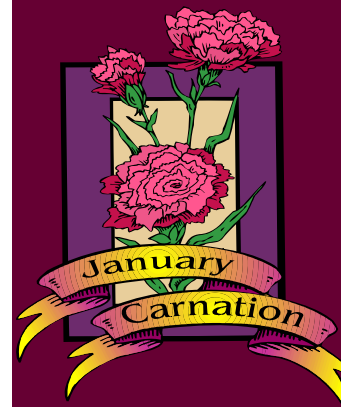
A New Year With The Lord

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Be Ye Transformed Understanding God's Truth

by Nancy Missler

Without a renewed mind, our lives will remain the same as they've always been, no matter what we do or try. No matter how many Bible studies we attend, no matter how many scriptures we know or how much we pray, without a mind change, our lives will still have the same problems, the same failures and the same defeats as they always have. The battle is truly waged in our minds! James tells us, "Be ye doers of the Word, not hearers only" (James 1:22).

To hear the Word is so very easy, but to be "doers of the Word" is a completely different story. This is the area that God is most interested in changing in all our lives. He wants us to genuinely walk in His Agape Love, display His wisdom and depend upon His power, not just talk about these things. The only way this is possible is by learning how to moment by moment "renew our minds."

Romans 12:1-2 tells us that a renewed mind is the "key" to this transformation.

What does it mean to renew our minds? How do we take every thought captive? The Bible tells us that the goal and purpose of every Christian is to be "conformed into the image of Christ." This transformation, however, only occurs as we learn to moment by moment "renew our minds." Without this constant renewal we will simply be conformed to the world's image and our lives will remain the same as they always have been, no matter what we do to try to change them. Therefore, our efforts to change should not be focused on our wrong actions, but on our wrong thinking.

Words of Encouragement

Transformation



"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" -Romans 12:1-2

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What's Your New Year's Resolution?



Finish reading the bible

Pray for the people who dislike me

Pray more often

-Bianca Brade

Get A's on my report card

Have a good and happy new year

Be thankful

-Ruth Glenn

Finish reading the bible

Teach others the true meaning of Christmas

Helping others more often

-Mariah Jordan

Get into acting class

Save money

Meet at least one new friend

-Hannah Tarver

Get better grades

Read the bible more

Do better in school

-Amanda Brooks

Read the bible

Be very friendly

Get better grades

-Gabriel Nieto

Be nice to my sister

Don't spend a lot of money

Get good grades

-Tekye Evans, Jr.

Be nicer to people

Spend more time with my family

Be happy

-Alexandra Pittman

Don't ask for a lot

Be nicer to people I don't like

Read the bible more often

-Alex Tummings

Wake up earlier

Don't tell on my brother for every mistake he makes

Pay attention in school when the teacher is talking

-Mariah Campbell

Graduate from 6th grade

Start 7th grade

Read more

-Matthew Campbell

Be nicer to my brother

Get straight A's the whole year

-Tekelle Evans

Try to be a better person

Study for tests

Get good grades

-Pierce Brooks

Be a better person

Study the bible more

-Alonzo Bailey

Pastor's Corner



The writer Paul declared:

"The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

Within the heart of a growing number of Christians in recent years has arisen a new yearning after an above-average **spiritual experience**. Yet the greater numbers still shy away from it and raise objections that evidence misunderstanding or fear or plain unbelief. Many point to the neurotic, the psychotic, the pseudo-Christian cultist and the intemperate fanatic, and lump them all together without discrimination as followers of the deeper desire to know Him better. This is not to say knowing Him in an intelligent manner, but knowing Him better in the spiritual world (1 Cor. 2:10). This is so desperately a matter of importance for every human being who comes into the world. For, without Jesus in our lives, and nowadays very much alive in our lives, we are lost and undone, sinful and wretched, and alienated from God. My brothers and sisters after being exposed to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection, and to God's plan for salvation, the gift of God should take priority over ALL life's other decisions.

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The real question in life is Who is Lord of Your Life??? When we come to the question of our own **relationship** with God through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to one of those areas which in a supreme degree are truly a matter of life and death.

The inspired message over 2000 years ago to the hard-pressed Hebrew Christian and to us today is a moving appeal to place **their full confidence in the power of the Word of God**. When God speaks, the writer said in effect, all must obey.

We know about His Divine Person, we know that He is the Lamb of God Who suffered and died in our place. We know all about His credentials. Yet we let Him stand outside on the steps like some poor timid fellow who is hoping he can find a job. We look Him over, then read a few more devotional verses, and ask, "Do I need all of this to be spiritual? Do I need to celebrate His life in me or just remain at this same spiritual level?" My brothers and sisters know that Satan and his angels desire to devour you. That's why we need to make the decision to be outward and public with our praise. We should praise Him, praise Him, praise Him with ALL our might. The decision to accept Him is part one, we need to let the world know that He is our Lord and Savior, and then work *"while it is day, for the night comes where no man can work."*

**HAVE A BLESSED
2010 AND...
GOD BLESS YOU
ALL**

A Year of Time by Steven B. Cloud

Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomfoting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year. As we look into a year, we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life. The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on. And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it. Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God. The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

A Winning Pattern for the New Year

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

"You will never be sorry — for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all."

