



THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

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“GHOST FROM THE PAST”

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Many of us Christians have experienced many mistakes, setbacks, and failures throughout our lives. Sometimes we allow them to enslave us to the point that we never enjoy the full Christian life that God has given us. The Lord wants us to have a new beginning: a clean slate in our Christian life (Isaiah 43:18). Hence, today is the beginning of a new year and we should resolve to focus not just on physical, relational, and financial goals but on the spiritual goals for our life as well.

1. What should be our spiritual goals this year?

- 1.1 We should forget about the past (Phil. 3:13) and thank God for the blessings that He has given us.
- 1.2 We should look forward to what lies ahead and fix our eyes on the Lord who will do miraculous things. Miracles may now be happening but we just can't see them because our eyes are blinded by Satan (Isa. 43:18; 2 Cor. 4:4).
- 1.3 We should learn to wait for God's will.
- 1.4 We should read the Bible regularly and consistently, at least one chapter a day, and complete it in one year.
- 1.5 We should memorize the Scriptures. The Word of God will help us in times of trials.
- 1.6 We should be generous with our time, talent, and resources to the underprivileged and in service to God.
- 1.7 We should make an inventory of our life and make a resolution to change.

2. How do we start afresh?

- We should
- 2.1 get rid of the fear of failure (Isa. 41:10).
 - 2.2 have faith in God.

- 2.3 stop making excuses (Prov. 24:12; 29:25; Gal. 6:6).
- 2.4 be honest and face the problem (Prov. 28:13).
- 2.5 trust in God (Ps. 32:1-5).
- 2.6 submit our plans to God (Prov. 16:3).
- 2.7 know that Prayer is a priority (Gen. 5:22).
- 2.8 read the Bible daily (Ps. 1:1-3; Ps. 119:105).
- 2.9 change the way we think (Rom. 12:2; Phil. 4:8).

Conclusion:

We have a choice to make as we finish our season in 2022. We can live with fear, afraid of the world and what it brings or we can live with faith knowing that no matter what we face in the future surely God is in control (Jn. 10:10). Thus, we should ask God for grace to obey Him and to look forward to what lies ahead (Jer. 29:11).

Reflection:

1. How are you going to live your life? Are you going to correct your mistakes or continue to live the way you have been?
2. What commitments/resolutions are you going to make/keep and for how long?
3. Is this going to be the year that you give yourself completely to God? Let us read the Book of Acts 2:42:47.

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