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Setting God Honouring Resolutions for Year 2009

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Introduction

It is profitable for our souls to have God-honouring goals in life as we begin the New Year by the enabling strength of the Lord as He leads and guides us with much prayer as we look to Him daily.

As the New Year of 2009 has begun, we have the opportunity to experience God's wonderful covenant mercies and grace in the New Year. However, we have a responsibility too to set clear attainable and measurable directions and purposes for ourselves and our families that we live and walk worthily of the Lord in the New Year.

Let us consider some practical and God honouring '*Resolutions for A New Year*'.

Our goals in the New Year can possibly be the following:

A. **TO BE READY** for the coming of the Lord so that we are found by Him in peace (2 Pet 3:14) and to be without spot and blameless so that whenever the Lord returns, we certainly want to be ready for His imminent coming! That requires us to have a God centred spirit in all that we do or say and **to set our affections on things above and not on earth**. Let us be prepared at the time and do our part as well.

B. **TO REMAIN STEADFAST** in the faith and be vigilant lest we fall (2 Pet 3:17; Heb 3:12-14) or else be led astray by the evil one (2 Pet 2:1-3). To be ready for His coming, we must make sure that we are **diligent and hard working for Him in His church and the building up of His people and saving of souls**. Do not fall away from the Lord through indolence or negligence, nor be led astray by false teachers or the obsession with the worldly pastimes of our time!

C. **TO READ THE BIBLE DAILY**. The word of God provides the only way to salvation and food for the soul (Jam 1:21). It provides the nutrition for spiritual growth (1 Pet 2:2). It provides the protection against drifting away or being misled by false teachers (Heb 2:1-3; Act 20:29-32). We are to resolve to spend time each day in the morning feeding upon the Word of God and grow thereby! **Have a plan and do it systematically every day at a proper place where we can concentrate**. Jer 15:16 says, '*Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.*' and Paul in 2 Tim 2:15 adds, '*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*'

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D. To discipline ourselves to **PRAY EVERY DAY**. For the Christian, prayer is the means by which we remain in touch with God for it is the way to the power and strength and peace of God. Phil 4:6-8 tells us to set aside time daily and have a prayer list and intercede for one another. Let us strive and **make a conscious effort to come for the church prayer meeting on Wednesday night at 8pm**. For the Christian, prayer is also the way to comfort and strength in the Lord. Jas 5:16-18 says, *'Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.'* If we desire to be found by the Lord in peace, without spot and blameless, then let us 'pray without ceasing' (1Th 5:17)!

E. **TO ATTEND ALL THE SABBATH SERVICES OF THE CHURCH** regularly and punctually. **Make it a conscious effort to come regularly and on time for all worship services, prayer meetings, fellowship meetings and other assemblies** (ie church camps). These are designed to encourage faithful devotion and worship in the Lord. Heb 10:24-25 says, *'And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.'* It is one way we edify and exhort and encourage one another against falling away. Heb 3:12-13 says, *'Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.'* Do not discount the importance of assembling with other Christians to remain strong and faithful in the Lord and attend every Sabbath service with reverence and fear for God.

F. **TO GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST**. This was Peter's last written admonition. 2 Pet 3:18 says, *'But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.'* He wrote of the blessings found in the knowledge of Christ; Grace and peace are multiplied (2 Pet 1:2). All things pertaining to life and godliness are provided in the Lord (2 Pet 1:3). There are exceedingly great and precious promises. We can be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption of the world through lust. Peter described what is involved in growing in this knowledge. 2 Pet 1:5-8 adds that we need to apply all diligence and to develop the graces of a Christ-like character. He explained that spiritual diligence in this area will ensure an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord. 2 Pet 1:10-11 says, *'Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'* Are you and your children or parents saved today? This should be our directive in the New Year that we examine and ensure our children and our salvation, made possible through Christ with such God given means of grace as the reading of the Word of God through faith in Christ alone, personal and corporate prayer, and the fellowship of the church.

G. **TO DISPLAY HOLY CONDUCT AND GODLINESS**. This we should do in view of what will one day happen when Christ returns (2 Pet 3:10-11). Remember that without holiness, no one shall see the Lord (Heb 12:14). The exercise of godliness has promise of the life to come. 1 Tim 4:8 says, *'For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.'* This display...

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of holy conduct and godliness is especially important as we spend the time of our sojourn among those of the world (1 Pet 2:12) and not be caught with secular interests like dancing, gambling, drinking alcohol, unedifying computer games, worldly music and others. **Let us be consecrated and set apart for Him** and dedicated for the New Year for the master's use.

Conclusion

If we aim at nothing, we are bound to hit it. Let these godly resolutions inspire and stimulate our hearts to greater devotion and commitment to our God in this New Year as we seek to honour and put Him first in our lives personally in the covenant home and in the church. The resolutions such as to Read the Bible daily, Pray every day, Attend all the services of the church and to Grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. **Display holy conduct and godliness that will go a long way to ensure a proper state of preparedness; for the Lord is coming soon.** We will therefore be vigilant and ready for His imminent second coming, serving in the meantime with great joy and faithfulness in the church to the saving of souls and the edifying of the saints.

Finally consider the following practical goals for 2009:

1. To give myself regularly to the careful **meditation, study** and application of God's word and to **prayer**;
2. **To worship God** in spirit and in truth, in response to God's revelation of Himself in His word, in the beauty of holiness;
3. **To spread the gospel of Christ** near and far, as God may direct, with the intention of bringing some one whom the Lord called to the saving knowledge of Christ and then to maturity in the faith through New Life BP Church.
4. **To share with others** out of my God given resources, whether in insights, time or material resources to the extension of His kingdom;
5. **To discover, develop and deploy my God given spiritual gifts** and use them for the building up on one another in the church and for the glory of God;
6. **To demonstrate my love to the Lord** and walk worthy of the vocation wherein I am called;
7. **To remember not to forsake the assembling of the saints** and to come prepared for fellowship, prayers meetings to both receive and give a blessing;
8. **To serve and function together** with godly maturity, with those who are accountable for the spiritual welfare of the body and of their individual families in New Life BP Church;
9. **To live a life of godly faithfulness and stewardship** by providing meaningful ministries and assistance for those who are in need in the bond of love;
10. **To display a loving and helpful spirit**, contributing toward the unity and growth in Christ's body in New Life BP Church, so that the world may know the reality of Christ and be a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at 11.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

Worship Services			WELCOME
Morning	<i>Today: 11/01/2009</i>	<i>Next Week: 18/01/2009</i>	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Kialid & Wahid Nafel, Lianne Cheong and Timothy Goh to our worship services last Lord's Day.
<i>Chairman:</i>	Joey Seow	Jonathan Kim	
<i>Preacher:</i>	Rev Yeo Seow Phong	Rev Yeo Seow Phong	
<i>Message:</i>	The Saints Shall Judge	God's Distribution	
<i>Text:</i>	1 Corinthians 6:1-20	1 Corinthians 7:1-40	
<i>Organist:</i>	Joy	Grace	
Evening			
<i>Chairman:</i>	Joshua Flinn	John Poh	
<i>Preacher:</i>	Rev Yeo Seow Phong	Rev Yeo Seow Phong	
<i>Message:</i>	Born of God	Family Traits	
<i>Text:</i>	1 John 3:1-24	1 John 4, 5	
<i>Pianist:</i>	Sophia	Joy	
Other Duties			NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
	<i>Today: 11/01/2009</i>	<i>Next Week: 18/01/2009</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calling of Resident Minister: Continue to pray for the Lord's calling for a resident minister. The church leaders are praying about calling Rev Timothy Ki. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas (knee pain), Maria (ankle and joint pain), Constance (left heel pain), Maureen (knee pain), Anthony (recovery from collarbone fracture), Margaret (sprained wrist – check-up 9/2) • Pray for those who are seeking employment: John, Constance • Pray for Journey Mercies: Douglas (Ghana), Jiak Eng (S'pore), John & Sharon (Belgium), Nicholas (returning to UK) • Pray for students having examination: Sophia, Joshua, Chun Long • Updated Duty Rota for Jan and Mar '09: The updated rota can be found on the notice board in the Fellowship Hall. • Chinese New Year Carry-In Lunch, 25 Jan: A time for sharing. For those who are able to contribute a dish, please inform Daniel Poh.
<i>Ushers</i>	Jonathan / Mark	Joshua / Yetta	
<i>Sunday Sch:</i>	Hannah	Hannah	
<i>Lunch:</i>	Maureen	Constance	
<i>Washing-up:</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	
<i>PA Crew:</i>	Anthony	Nicholas	
Appointments of the Week			
Fri 16 Jan	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship: Bible Study – Survey of the Old Testament	
Sat 17 Jan	4.00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Led by Rev Yeo Seow Phong	
<u>Last Week's Worship Service Collections</u>			
Offering: £681.52		Lunch: £32.09	
<u>Memory Verse</u>			
<i>Last Week (January 09 Wk 1): 1 Corinthians 13:12</i>			
When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.			
<i>This Week (January 09 Wk 2): 1 Corinthians 13:13</i>			
And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.			