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Preparing For The New Year #2

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Are we making preparation for the new year, or making resolutions that probably will be broken within a short period of time? We are beginning a corporate fast that will be lasting for 10 days and we invite any and all to participate with us. Determine the kind of fast that you would like to do, it is your choice and will help bring discipline to your lives, do this along with your prayer time and see what begins to happen in your life.

What is in this year for us? politically and spiritually? darkness will get darker and lightness will become lighter. There are many outside voices, but we must take our stand. Gods power and ability will be upon us but the year of 2019 will be what we make it by our discipline and our will power and our committment to follow Jesus. This year will be crowned with His goodness to those of us who are following after Him. God has great things for us.

Psa 65:11 "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness." KJV

Psa 65:11 "Wherever your footsteps touch the earth, a rich harvest is gathered." CEV

Psa 65:11 "You crown the year with Your bounty and goodness, and the tracks of Your [chariot wheels] drip with fatness." AMP

Wherever we may go because of our following Jesus, we shall be richly blessed, regardless of what we may be doing. This word is talking to each of us.

In the following verses God is telling the people that because of the barrenness of the land that He is going to do something new in their lives. Making preparation for the future, don't be thinking small but plan for the bigger things. If we are really believing and thinking big you will need lots of room. This is the same thing that God is telling us to do in our lives. Don't be looking back but be focusing on the future and what He wants to do in you. Pursue those dreams that you have and begin

to make preparation for them.

Isa 54:2-4 "Clear lots of ground for your tents! Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big! Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep. You're going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family. You're going to take over whole nations; you're going to resettle abandoned cities. Don't be afraid—you're not going to be embarrassed. Don't hold back—you're not going to come up short." MESSAGE

Isa 54:2-4 "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; 3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. 4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more." KJV

These verses remind us not be looking back all the time, but look ahead and continue to go forward. Be alert and see what God is planning for us, it will be a new way, we may not be able to see it, but it is coming. When we are going through hard times, continue to look and begin to see what God is going to do. Our attitude plays an important part in this, we must begin to lift up our heads and begin to rejoice. We cannot be murmuring and complaining, talking adversity and talking about the problem, it will put blinders on our eyes and we will not be able to see the goodness of God. He will be providing for us, making everything that we have need of. Our attitude must be regardless of what is happening around us and to other people, that God will be taking care of us because we are trusting in Him.

Isa 43:18-19 "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert." NKJV

Isa 43:18-19 "Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands." MESSAGE

There are attitudes that we must develop in order to see the miraculous things that will be happening this year. The following verses will help us to understand what those attitudes must be. Paul was in prison when he was writing these scriptures, he is talking to the church. He is not going to stop because of the situation that he is in, but is going to continue to press forward. He is framing his world by making a declaration, he is not going to stop but will continue forward, this is the same thing

that believers must do in order to be successful, we cannot allow circumstances to cause us to lay down and quit, because God's word is operative and powerful and when we believe and continue to declare the word of God, He is going to come to our aid, because His word is not bound.

Phil 3:12-14 "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." KJV

Phil 3:12-14 "I admit that I haven't yet acquired the absolute fullness that I'm pursuing, but I run with passion into his abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover. 13 I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. 14 I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus." TPT

We have Christ in us and we have His strength, there must be focus in our lives, forgetting all of the past, looking only to the future. If we don't forget the past, regardless of what may have been, we are aborting all that God wants to do for us in the future. Fasten our hearts to the future, God has an awesome purpose and destiny for us. The enemy, by bringing up our past, is trying the best that he can to cause us to miss out on the future and what God is wanting to do for us. Fasten to the future, not depending on your own strength, it takes men and women of courage to get up from a mistake and keep pursuing God and His plan that He has for them. We must stay heavenly minded regardless what those around us may be saying and what we are seeing.

Phil 4:13 "For I'm trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty." TPT

As believers we have this explosive power on the inside of us to overcome any difficulty. When we begin to grow and mature, we will find ourselves taking the difficulties in stride and overcoming them. The mountains become molehills.

There are many things in the following verses that will help us understand what Paul is saying, it is a language that is more common for us. There are many different

courses that can be run, but we have to stay on the right track. Don't be misled by all the different things that may be said, test them against what the word of God says. Gods plan for us is one of greatness and goodness, easy streets have no discipline and are dead-ends, stay away from the easy way of doing things, keep headed for the same goal that has been set before you.

Phil 3:13-18 " I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back. 15-16 So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you'll see it yet! Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it. 17-19 Stick with me, friends. Keep track of those you see running this same course, headed for this same goal. There are many out there taking other paths, choosing other goals, and trying to get you to go along with them. I've warned you of them many times; sadly, I'm having to do it again. All they want is easy street. They hate Christ's Cross. But easy street is a dead-end street." MESSAGE

To become champions or winners we first must master the fundamentals of something either in sports or just regular living, the same has to be done spiritually. There are quick things that have to be done in order for this to happen, we must repent, forgive and walk in love. Practice these things, the choice is ours, repent means to go another way, and then it will bring forth fruit. Love will become an outward manifestation as remember to repent and forgive. The choice is ours.