

# Laying a Foundation for a Great Year Pt. 1

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*"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.* John 14:27 (NASB)

## 1. ATTITUDE.

*Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup> do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* Philippians 2:3-8 (NASB)

*Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,* Philippians 2:14-15 (NKJV)

*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.* Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)

*The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.* Philippians 4:9 (NKJV)

## 1. Choose to TRUST GOD, no matter what!

*"For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"<sup>26</sup> "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?"<sup>27</sup> "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?" Matthew 6:25-27 (NASB)*

## 2. Choose to SURROUND yourself with positive godly people!

*Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."* 1 Corinthians 15:33 (NASB)

*So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.* Isaiah 55:11 (NASB)

The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8 (NASB)

*Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?<sup>15</sup> Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?* 2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (NASB)

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