

## Laying a Foundation for a Great Year Pt. 2

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*For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints,<sup>16</sup> do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.<sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*

Ephesians 1:15-18 (NASB)

### 3. Choose not to **FORSAKE** the gathering!

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;<sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,<sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NASB)

### 4. Choose make a plan to **GROW** spiritually.

*By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.<sup>4</sup> And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.<sup>5</sup> In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge,<sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness,<sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.*

2 Peter 1:3-7 (NLT2)

### 5. Choose not be ashamed of the **GOSPEL** of Christ!

*"Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.<sup>33</sup> But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.*

Matthew 10:32-33 (NLT2)

### 6. Choose to practice the great **COMMISSION!**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB)

*Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world."*

John 4:42 (NLT2)

### 7. Choose not be too **PROUD** to ask for help!

*Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.*

Proverbs 16:18 NLT

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up in honor.*

James 4:10 NLT

*"I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question," Jesus replied.*

Mark 11:29 NLT

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