



"New wine must be poured into new wineskins." Luke 5:38 (NIV)

A Principle of Life: new SITUATIONS always require new STRUCTURES.

Five Resolutions That Will Transform Your Life

1. **SPEND TIME with God EVERY DAY.**

"Focusing on yourself is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, and ends up thinking more about self than God."
Romans 8:7 (MSG)

"Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God." Romans 12:2 (MSG)

2. **Seek RECONCILIATION for a broken RELATIONSHIP.**

"Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger."
Ephesians 4:26 (NAS)

"We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16 (NLT)

"Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are My disciples." John 13:35 (LB) (see 1 John 3:10, 3:14, 4:20)

3. **Connect with a SMALL GROUP.**

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

"As iron sharpens iron, so people can improve each other." Proverbs 27:17 (NCV)

4. **Do something helpful for someone else THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO DO.**

"He poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him." John 13:5 (NIV)

"Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others." 1 Peter 4:10 (CEV)

Serving God by serving others is called MINISTRY.

Jesus: *"Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve..."* Matthew 20:28 (LB)

5. **Share YOUR STORY OF FAITH with someone.**

"Go back home and tell people how much God has done for you." So the man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him." Luke 8:39 (NCV)

"Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you." 1 Peter 3:15 (GN)

The Key to being New: GIVE TO GOD a part of your life that you never have before.

"Be careful how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do."
Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)