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Goals for the new year are important. But goals for life are more important.

Read <u>Luke 2:21-38</u>

The character traits that allowed two people (Simeon and Anna) the privilege to see Jesus:

I. BOTH WERE AGED

Read <u>Proverbs 16:31</u>, <u>2 Kings 22:2</u>, <u>2 Kings 23:3</u>

II. BOTH WERE ATTENTIVE

v. 25 "...just and devout... and the Holy Spirit was upon them."

v. 37 "...serve God with fasting and prayer."

"Devout" = cautious, careful, deliberate

It takes discipline to see God in 2024:

Read Philippians 3:14, 1 Corinthians 9:25-26

Training is more important than trying.

Read Proverbs 25:28

"You can map out a fight plan or a life plan, but when the action starts, you're down

to your reflexes. That's
where your roadwork shows.
If you cheated on that in the
dark of the morning, you're
going to get found out now,
under the bright lights." – Joe Frazier
Read Matthew 5:8, Psalm 24:4-5
Simeon and Anna were attentive to what <i>really</i> mattered in life
III. BOTH WERE ALERT
Read Romans 13:11-12
Both Simeon and Anna were expecting the Messiah – every day.
IV. BOTH WERE ASSURED
Read Luke 2:26
A. Both rested in His promise
B. Both were ready to die
Read <u>Luke 2:29</u>