

# Year END - Year NEW

## THEME VERSE:

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

## 5 VERSES and BIG Ideas:

- 1.** One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:13-14 NIV).

Your failures aren't final. Put the past in the past and keep moving toward the purpose God has in store for you.

- 2.** Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland (Is. 43:18-19 NIV).

God is all about redeeming the old and making things new. Find out where He's working this year and join Him there.

- 3.** Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:12 NIV).

Like money, time is a limited resource. In fact, it might be even more precious, so invest it well in things that really matter.

- 4.** And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8 NIV).

If you do what's right every chance you get, treat others with grace, and kindness be fair and remember the God you serve.

- 5.** May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14 NIV).

Let God serve as the filter for everything you say and everything you think.

**GOD HAS A LOT INVESTED IN YOU and HE EXPECTS A LOT FROM HIS CHILDREN...**

And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. PHILIPPIANS 1:6

**16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give it to you. **17** These things I command you, so that you will love one another. JOHN 15:16-17

# Consider these promises of NEW for all fo God's Children...

## **GOD IS FAITHFUL IN MAKING THE NEW REVEAL ITSELF IN YOUR LIFE.**

And He who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also He said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' REVELATION 21:5

## **GOD GIVES HIS PEOPLE NEW SONGS OF PRAISE.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in Him — PSALM 40:3

## **HE IS THE AUTHOR OF A RENEWED SPIRIT.**

I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. — EZEKIEL 11:19

## **LIVING IN THE NEW IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVILEGE.**

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. — EPHESIANS 4:22-24

## **HE'S STILL CREATING THINGS UNSEEN.**

See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. — ISAIAH 65:17

## **AND IN CHRIST, HE'S GIVEN US A FRESH START.**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. — 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

## **IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW YOU STARTED - YOUR END IS VICTORIOUS.**

Though your beginning was insignificant, yet your end will increase greatly. JOB 8:7

## **THE INVITATION IS FOR YOU TODAY**

We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ROMANS 6:4

When you think of *Year End... Year New...* Ask these 10 questions:

1. What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
5. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years? In eternity?