

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



“My little children let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”

1 John 3:18

Good Intentions

An intention is defined as “meaning to do something, complete a goal, purpose or an aim.” It is something we mean to do, whether we actually accomplish it or not. Many people have good intentions at the moment. However, after a few days have passed, the goal becomes piled under a mountain of excuses.

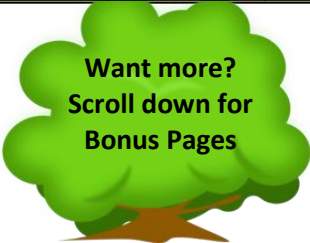
The Bible tells us that Josiah became the king of Israel at the age of 8 years old. **“And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left,” (2 Kings 22:2).** Not only did he walk in the ways of the Lord, but in the very next verse it says he made a covenant to walk after the Lord and keep His commandments and laws with all his heart and soul. Josiah made good on his promise because the Bible tells us in the following chapter that Josiah burned all the idols to Baal and cleansed the city of false worship and of any actions that were contrary to God’s commandments. He was getting rid of things that had been practiced in the city for a long time. The cleansing may not have been done in one day, but Josiah had purposed in his heart to honor his covenant with God.

The same holds true when we make personal vows to the Lord to do better, be stronger, and work harder in the kingdom. These changes may not be done in a day or two, or even a couple months, but we must purpose in our hearts to complete the promises we have made to God no matter how difficult or how long it takes. Josiah started the cleansing in the House of the Lord, then he went out into the cities to remove the groves and idols. Josiah was focused and consistent about his intentions towards the Lord. Because of Josiah’s commitment and his unwavering determination, the Lord told him he would one day die in peace and would not see evil (2 Kings 22:20). Someone once said, ‘Do it now, because later becomes never’. May we all purpose in our hearts, set goals and push through to great things!

Family Prayer: *Lord, help us to not only commit with our words, but to follow through in our actions. We want to be intentional in our time and our actions. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

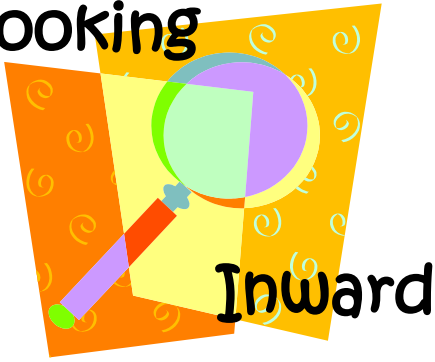


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Looking



Inward

Create a vision board. Sometimes it is easier to reach for your goals when you have a physical reminder. Use old magazines or print pictures from the internet that represent intentions you have for the coming year. These could be spiritual, physical or other interests. Prayerfully consider where God is leading your family. Things to consider might be personal devotional goals, education goals, travel goals or even new foods to try!

Let's talk

Has there ever been a time where you wish you could go back in time to be able to complete a task? If you had followed through with the task, how do you think it would have affected your life or another person's life?

It can be hard going outside of our comfort zones. Start with the familiar, this week, and knock doors to invite your neighbors to church.

Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

Create a family “Vision List” to be completed in 2020. Then brainstorm action steps you can take to accomplish your goals.

1. (Example)

Goal: Weekly Family Devotion Time

Action Steps:

- Set a specific time and mark it on the calendar for all to see
- Designate a different family member each week to oversee it

2. **Goal: Family vacation**

Action steps:

- Choose a destination
- Determine the approximate costs involved
- Put aside a certain amount of money per week for vacation fund

3. **Goal:** _____

Action Steps:

- _____
- _____
- _____

4. **Goal:** _____

Action Steps:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Please feel free to add to this list as much as you are willing to commit to. Then go to work to accomplish your good intentions!

Remember:

A dream written down with a date is a goal.

A goal broken down into steps becomes a plan.

A plan backed by actions makes your dream become reality.

Puzzle Page

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♥ 1 JOHN 3:18