



May We Be More

The first thing I think about when the thought of New Years comes to mind is a New Years resolution. The second thing that comes to mind is how so many people make these resolutions, a promise, to do something better in the coming year, or to accomplish a goal they hope to achieve...but then they never end up keeping that promise. The bible has a lot to say about making promises we can't keep, so let's dive into that and learn more about the value of keeping our word.

Ecclesiastes 5:4-6 states, "When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it. Do not let your mouth lead you into sin..." Not only that, but if we move into the New Testament, James 4:13-14 expands more on the importance of keeping our word by explaining that we shouldn't get ahead of ourselves making plans for a future that only God knows the outcome of:

"Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

With all of this in mind, my hope for the coming new year, is that we may be more for God. A prayer unto the only one who knows our future, and trust in our Living God that He will help us to be more in the new year that we were in the last...

Lord Jesus,

I pray that you help us as your children to seek you more; not your hand but your face. May we desire to be like David and be men or women after your own heart. I pray God that you would help us grow in our knowledge of scripture, that you'd help us to commit to pray to you daily, and most importantly that we would praise and worship you with all of ourselves.

I ask my Holy God that we may be more for you every day of the coming new year. That we would not hesitate to share the gospel when given the chance. That we would not be afraid of sharing our testimony with others, and that you would fill our minds and put the words in our mouth when others ask us about the hope that we have in you. I ask Lord that we would be bold for you, our hearts on fire with your conviction, and that you would empower us to be your hands and feet in this broken world.

Lord God I pray that we wouldn't grow comfortable in our sin, and in this new year, that you would help us overcome each day by your grace, and that you would protect us from the schemes of the evil one. May we strive for holiness so that we may be a blameless and spotless church in your presence always.

Amen