

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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It is the first of the first's today; 1st day of the week, 1st day of the 1st month of the a new year. So who wants to be first in giving a testimony or New Year's resolution? Ok, it was many years ago on a New Year's Eve that I left a few friends and went over to a watch night service in a school gymnasium rented by Calvary Baptist Church. Let me tell you it was a "new thing" for me.

I'm sure some have wondered what will this New Year bring; any *psychics here?* (Only kidding). I predict it will bring trials and victories and sadly some defeats. Hopefully the defeats will be minimal and not knock you out of the race. And I also hope you can; what is they say "ring out the old, ring in the new, ring out the false and ring in the true." I bet there is a spiritual application for that statement.

Applying the words old and new - Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the **old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the **new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

There is the New Testament principle for having the victory over temptation and the sin which doth so easily beset us. We put off the old man when we deny his wants. We put off the old man when we through the Spirit mortify the deeds of the body. Don't feed the lusts of the flesh, shame them, refuse them don't make allowances for them. Repent!

We put on the new man when we pray in the Spirit, when we attentively read the Bible (look for personal application) and when we commit our works unto the Lord. The mind can easily wander and we need to reel it in when it starts to. Bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. The victorious Christian life will require vigilance, (keep alert) stedfastness (resolve) and most of all dependence on God's mercy and grace.

Thinking a little bit about ring out the false –there thoughts that arise in our hearts that are not true.

Thoughts about the brethren, thoughts about "what if I did ..." thoughts about "how bad things are in our life" thoughts about "Why did God Or why doesn't God?" I would say those are some of the fiery darts from the adversary.

Stop mulling over things that are out of your control. Sit down and write out some blessings you have and thank God for them. Pray for missionaries, challenge yourself to read more Bible and stick to it. Pray to be more soul conscious and lay out tracts in various places when you go to the store or on the door handles of the car next to you when you leave your parking place. These little efforts help us keep balance in our Christian walk in the new man.

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness....

"HOW'S YOUR MIND?"

Ro 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then **with the mind I myself serve the law of God**; but with the flesh the law of sin.

1Pe 1:13 Wherefore **gird up the loins of your mind**, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Intro. The Bible speaks of over 20 conditions of the mind; blinded, chaffed, shaken, sober, carnal....

Evil affected – Acts 14:2 by misinformation

Hardened – Daniel 5:20 by pride

Sorrowed – Deut. 28:65 by adversity

Alienated – Col. 1:21 by wickedness

Renewed – Rom. 12:2 by faith

Tonight at 5:00 Bible Time

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 7:00 bible study & prayer

Missionary of the week: Bierman's Germany

