

Year's End

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YEAR	REFLECT	PAST	PRESENT
FUTURE	GOOD	CHOOSING	REFUSING
GODLY	RIGHT	RIGHTEOUS	LIVE
SOBERLY	DWELL	NATURAL	SPIRITUAL
MAN	LOVE	PRAY	LIFE
LIGHT	SHINE	FAMILY	PERSONAL

4. Government:
 - a. Dan. 4:32 – “the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men”
 - b. 1 Pet. 2:13-14 – “Be subject to every ordinance of man”
5. Matt. 22:21 – “Render unto Cæsar.”
6. Masters and Servants:
 - a. Col. 3:22 – Servants
 - b. Col. 4:1 – Masters

IV. Standards of Justification:

How is the standard determined? The natural man uses several methods to justify conduct:

- A. Prov. 14:12 – Natural man: what seems right.
- B. Psa. 119:9-16 – Spiritual man: What God says.

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Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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How Do You Hear?

Have you ever been speaking or being spoken to and noticed that the audience does not have a clue as to what was said?

The apostle Paul touched upon the necessity of being understood, saying, “But now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I speak to you either by way of revelation, or of knowledge, or of prophesying, or of teaching? Even things without life, giving a voice, whether pipe or harp, if they give not a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain voice, who shall prepare himself for war? So also ye, unless ye utter by the tongue speech easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye will be speaking into the air” (1 Cor. 14:6-10). Clarity of the gospel is essential.

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I. Introduction:

- A. Deut. 32:7, 29 - The end of the year provides an opportunity for individuals to reflect upon the "past," i.e., what we did in 2023, and what we plan to do in 2024.
- B. 2 Cor. 5:10 - All mankind (living) has arrived at this day as a result of choices: good or bad.
- C. Heb. 11:24-25 - Moses chose...
- D. Isa. 7:15 - Choosing good requires refusing evil.
- E. Josh. 24:15 - "choose you this day..."

II. Instructions on Living:

- A. Titus 2:11-12 - Titus was to admonish the brethren to deny "ungodliness and worldly lusts" and "live soberly and righteously and godly."
- B. Soberly: *sophronos* (G4996), akin to *A* denotes "of sound mind" (*sozo*, "to save," the mind).
- C. Righteously: "justly, righteously, in accordance with what is right"

III. How Godly Living is Realized:

- A. Godly living will only be realized if...
 - 1. Col. 3:16 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly"
 - 2. Psa. 119:10-11 - "With my whole heart have I sought thee"
- B. The determination of living godly requires hard work:
 - 1. Two courses in life:
 - a. 1 Cor. 2:14-15 - Natural and Spiritual man.

- b. 1 Jn. 2:16-17 - The natural man is led by lusts.
- c. Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:18; Jn. 6:45; Rom. 10:17 - the spiritual man is led by the Spirit, i.e.,
 - 2. Matt. 5:2-12 - Godly living will require the development of the characteristics set forth by the Lord.

IV. Godly Living Manifested: Lk. 2:52

- A. Personal:
 - 1. Mk. 12:31 - "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."
 - 2. Matt. 5:44 - "Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you."
 - B. Spiritual:
 - 1. Exod. 20:3-5 - "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."
 - 2. Mk. 12:29-30 - "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, etc."
 - C. Social:
 - 1. Matt. 5:16 - Let your light shine before men.
 - 2. Women:
 - a. 1 Tim. 5:10 - General family responsibilities
 - b. Titus 2:3-5 - Aged women to teach younger women
 - 3. Family:
 - a. 1 Tim. 5:8 - Own household
 - b. Col. 3:18-21 - Husbands, wives, children, fathers, etc.
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