

## Notes for 12/31/17

The New Year is rapidly approaching. How would you measure how things went for you in 2017? Were there successes? Failures?

What are your goals for the New Year of 2018? I pray that your # 1 New Year's resolution is to make Jesus our Savior number **ONE** in your life! We will have no greater joy, success, victory or purpose than to have a saving faith and a servant relationship with the Lord Jesus. After all, He died for me, He forgave me of all my sins, and He gloriously and wonderfully gave me salvation that will last for all of Eternity when I trusted in Him.

And the good news is, even if this past year has been scarred by failures, His forgiveness is ours to claim. 1 John 1:9 promises, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

The following steps, taken from **Philippians 3:12-16**, can help us bounce back from failure.

- I. Acknowledge that you haven't arrived yet.
- II. Put the past behind you—where it belongs!
- III. Pour yourself into the present
- IV. Maintain an eternal perspective

May the Lord grant us grace to succeed where we have failed in the past.