Promises to Keep 2021

Proverbs 3

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.

"Although our New Year's resolutions may quickly crumble, God's plans never fail."

Charles Stanley

"Let's make one resolution this year: to anchor ourselves to God's grace." Chuck Swindoll

John 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

John 15:17 "This I command you, that you love one another."

1 John 3:11 "For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another" 1 John 3:23 "This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us."

1 John 4:7 "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:11 "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

2 John 1:5 "Now I ask you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another."

Family Loved – 3 John 4

Related Family

Parents - Ex 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother"

Partners – Eph 5 – 'husbands' & 'wives'

Progeny - Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go..."

Redeemed Family - "I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth" (3 John 4)

"It's time to begin "righting" the story of your life. How will you be remembered?" David Jeremiah

Luke 6:37 - "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

Mark 11:25 - "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Forgiveness Sought – 1 John 1:9

Our Sins - 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Their Sins - Ephesians 4:32 - "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Other's Sins – (see above!)

"Love prospers when a fault is forgiven but dwelling on it separates close friends." Proverbs 17:9

"Enter the coming year with renewed hope in the power of God to do through you what you cannot."

John MacArthur

Philippians 2:4 – "not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Galatians 5:13 – "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

Faithfully Serve – Rom 12:11

By gifting

By Opportunity

By Need

By Calling

Romans 12:11 "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

"Resolved, that I will do whatsoever I think to be most to God's glory, and my own good ... and most for the good and advantage of mankind." Jonathan Edwards

"How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103) "the judgments of the Lord are . . . sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb (Psalm 19:9b, 10b)

Feast Daily - 2 Tim 2:15

Connection Php 3:8 – "More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord"

Communication Jer 29:11 - "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD"

Correction 2 Tim 3:16

Console Isaiah 40:31

Contribution Rom 12:1,2

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Communication Jer 29:11

Correction 2 Tim 3:16 - "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for <u>teaching</u>, for <u>reproof</u>, for <u>correction</u>, for <u>training</u> in righteousness"

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Console Isaiah 40:31 – "Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength"

Contribution Rom 12:2 – "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"

"This one simple act of beginning each day with God sets each day on the path of wisdom."

Elizabeth George

Making Promises

Risk – James 4:14 "your life is like morning fog"
Reason – Psalm 37:5-6 'trust Him and He will do this: the justice of your cause like the noonday sun'
Reward –

#1 'as unto the Lord'

#2 'do all to the glory of God'

New Year's Day is a good time to fix one's eyes on the only One who knows what the year is to hold.

Elisabeth Elliot

"Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading." Oswald Chambers

APOSTLES CREED I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

