

## **GODLY INTENTIONALITY – NEW YEAR 2022**

**Psalm 25:12, 13**

**Intentionality**: the quality of mental states (e.g., thoughts, beliefs, desires, hopes).

**(John 16:33)** “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

**Peace** – Eirene: security, prosperity.

**Overcome** – Nikao (*Nike*) - to conquer, victorious, one who wins the case.

**How can we live with godly intentionality this year?** Have a **personal vision** (plan/goals).

*“If you aim at nothing you will hit it every time.” – Zig Ziglar*

**(1) Write down a guiding statement/supporting scripture.**

**Pastor Al’s guiding year statement:** (Isaiah 42:9) Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

**(2) Write down a developmental/task goal.**

**(3) Write down a fun goal.**

**Note - developmental/task and fun “goals,” must be planned out.**

**(Proverbs 29:18) Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. (KJV)**

**(Ephesians 5:15-16) See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**

Plans/vision, must yield to the following **three elements of faith** – F.T.D. (Fear -Teaching – Direction) - Psalm 25:12, 13

### **The Fear of the Lord**

**Nihilism**: the rejection of all religious and moral principles, in the belief that life is meaningless.

Christian life is the **antithesis** of “nihilism.”

**(Psalm 111:10) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.**

*“Love God and do whatever you please: for the soul trained in love to God will do nothing to offend the One who is Beloved.” — Saint Augustine*

Fearing God, by loving God, is “key” to “**godly intentionality**.”

**The Teaching of the Lord** – *“The largest room in the world is the room for improvement.”*

Example of “prideful planning.” **James 4:1-6.**

**(Psalm 25:4-5) Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.**

“Waiting” teaches us three things:

(1) To trust in God’s timing.

(2) To rest in God’s word, and not our way.

(3) To delight in the Lord.

(Psalm 37:4) Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

The Direction of the Lord – God guides us in the “way He chooses!”

(Proverbs 16:9) A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

*“If you want to make God laugh tell Him your plans!”*

Understand, Jesus is not our “co-pilot,” He’s the “pilot!”

(James 4:15-16) Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

Jeremiah 29:11-13) For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

CONCLUSION:

(Psalm 65:11-12) You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance. They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on every side.