



## **Anchors of Faith for the New Year**

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### I. Anchor #1: Prayer

A. Prayer is where we make our requests to God

1. Philippians 4:6

B. Prayer helps us overcome temptation

1. Matthew 26:41

C. Prayer helps us grow in wisdom

1. James 1:5

2. 1 Corinthians 2:13

D. Prayer changes our perspective

1. Psalm 73:17

E. “Work, work from early until late. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.”- Martin Luther

### II. Anchor #2: The word of God

A. Scripture Sanctifies

1. John 17:17

2. Sanctification is the process of becoming holy – that is, becoming more like Christ and like God, who is perfectly holy. This is not optional.

3. Hebrews 12:14

4. Ephesians 4:24

5. 2 Corinthians 7:1

6. Romans 6:19

7. Leviticus 19:2

B. Scripture gives Joy

1. 1 Thessalonians 1:6

2. Psalm 1:2

C. Scripture protects us from destructive error

1. Ephesians 4:13-14

D. Scripture gives and sustains life

1. Matthew 4:4

2. “We shall not adjust our Bible to the age; but before we have done with it, by God’s grace, we shall adjust the age to the Bible.” - Charles H. Spurgeon

III. Anchor #3: Community

- A. Community challenges you to be more like Jesus
  1. Hebrews 10:24-25
- B. Community meets practical needs
  1. Acts 2:42-45
- C. Community carries you emotionally
  1. Galatians 6:2
- D. Community empowers your relationship with God
  1. Proverbs 27:17

IV. Anchor #4: The Gospel

- A. Romans 5:12
- B. **You and I are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we’re sinners.**
- C. Romans 3:23
- D. Romans 6:23
- E. John 3:16
- F. Romans 5:8
- G. 2 Corinthians 5:21