

Getting Ready

*“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity...”
Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)*

Questions for the New Year

1) What does God want from me? My whole life

*“...give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.”
Romans 6:13b (NLT)*

“In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.” Proverbs 3:6 (LB)

2) How do I get there? Discipline

“...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness...” 1 Timothy 4:7 (NASB)

*“let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.”
Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)*

“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.” Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

3) Why should I surrender? The Cross

*“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”
2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIV)*

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”
Romans 12:1 (NIV)*

*“We are workers together with God, so we beg you: Do not let the grace that you received from God be for nothing.”
2 Corinthians 6:1 (NCV)*