

## Thank God We Can Start Anew

The laboratory of Thomas Edison in West Orange, New Jersey, was virtually destroyed by fire in 1914. The damage exceeded \$2 million. Much of Edison's life work went up in smoke and flames that December night. At the height of the fire, Edison's 24 year old son, Charles searched for his father. He finally found him calmly watching the fire, his face glowing in the reflection, his white hair blowing in the wind. "My heart ached for him", said Charles. He was 67 - no longer a young man - and everything was going up in flames. When he saw me, he shouted, "Charles where is your mother?" When I told him I don't know, he said, "Find her, and bring her here. She will never see anything like this as long as she lives."

The next morning, Edison looked at the ruins and said, "There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burned up. Thank God we can start anew." God, he who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new" (Rev. 21:5). When he saw that the earth was formless and empty he started anew. God's plan for the sinful human is complete and ready to make them new again through Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

2014 is behind the curtain with all its up and downs. Church, let us welcome and start the year 2015 anew with God who he is seated on the throne. Let us ask God for:

New Passion for true worship  
New Principles for a healthy lifestyle  
New Power for self-control

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## The Christian Life is New Everyday

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The mercies of our God are brand new every single day of our lives. Believe that God's hands are in our life every day. He has brought us this far for a reason. No matter what we have been going through, this is a new year and a new day.

Joseph was in the jail for a very long time. He never dreamt but Joseph was going to have a day in his life he was going to see his brothers and his father. His father loved him more than all other his children. Joseph had many dark days in his life that he never expected. However, when it was God's time, Joseph had a new day and a new hope in his life.

When we lose all our hope and dreams, put your burden up on Him, and He is able to come and help us even in that last movement. A child of God's every day is new, and everything is possible through God's plan. For tomorrow consider, to DREAM and to PRAY about it. If God is with us, we can even move the mountains. Trust in God. He is making a new way for us. Haven't you done it your way enough? Trust in Him. Not for a quick fix, but in making a new way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

So make God's Ministry a top priority in our lives. Pray for the abilities to serve God in ways He wants us to serve Him. Start small. Simply see a need and meet it. If you found that a certain way you've tried to serve turns out to be a failure, keep looking for other opportunities to serve well. Also make sure to take time for enough rest for your bodies, to keep our lives in a healthy balance. When we make His Ministry the top priority of our lifestyle, we will experience life as Jesus experienced it, and we will have more of His love flowing through us. Our experiences tell us that we lost so many beautiful Days in our lives. Let us now go forward, make a fresh start, with a new hope in Christ in this New Year. Our savior is coming soon to prepare a new way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

## Commit To the Lord, Make a Fresh Start

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Almost every picture posted on any social media website on December 31st or January 1st is followed by the quote "New year, new me". There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. However, if a Christian determines to make a New Year's resolution, what kind of resolution should he or she make?

Here are some suggestions: (1) pray to the Lord for wisdom (James 1:5) in regards to what resolutions, if any, He would have you make; (2) pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) rely on God's strength to help you; (4) find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further; (6) don't become proud or vain, but give God all the glory. Psalm 37:5-6 says, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

There are many resolutions that are broken because we fail to realize that if they are not in God's will for us. The Father always wants the best for His children. So when we begin to wander from the center of His will, He acts to recapture our attention and protect us from harm.

God's Word tells us, The Lord will give you the desires of your heart when you delight in Him (Ps. 37:4). If God is more important to you than anyone or anything else, He will grant your desires. God Himself will supply all your needs (Matt. 6:31-32). He knows exactly what you need and has committed Himself to provide it.

So in reality, all we have to do is, commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. (Proverbs 16:3)

