

15 THINGS TO BE IN THE NEW YEAR  
JAMES 4:13-17

**Introduction**

On New Year's Eve night there are many ways that folks bring in the New Year:

1. Some attend drunken parties and drink it in, but their New Year cheer will fade as the effects of the alcohol wears off.
2. Some make New Years resolutions with little or no degree of sincerity and as soon as they break any resolution made they will be back to their old ways for the remainder of the year.
3. Some set off fireworks and start the New Year out with a bang, but after the smoke clears and the excitement of the fireworks is gone, they settle back comfortably and the New Year is somewhat like the Old Year with just a new number.
4. Some go to Church and pray in the New Year with emotionally fervent prayers to God which are forgotten by the time the time the first New Year's Day parade begins on New Year's Day.
5. Some really have a Happy New Year because they have allowed God to do a work in their hearts.

How can you have a Happy New Year that will last throughout the year and make the coming New Year the best that you have ever had?

**Let me give you a list of 15 Things To Be In 2015:**

**1. BE BORN AGAIN!**

*John 3:3—“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

*John 3:7—“Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”*

**2. BE HUMBLE AND FEAR GOD!**

*Proverbs 22:4—“By **humility** and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.”*

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*Proverbs 15:33—“The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and **before honour is humility.**”*

*1 Peter 5:5-7—“...Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and **be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**”*

**3. BE THANKFUL!**

*1 Thessalonians 5:18—“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”*

*Psalms 100:4—“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name”*

**4. BE KIND AND FORGIVING!**

*Ephesians 4:32—“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”*

*(Kind = good, gracious, virtuous, mild, pleasant, benevolent)*

**5. BE MERCIFUL!**

*Luke 6:36—“Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful”*

**6. BE A DOER OF THE WORD, NOT JUST A HEARER!**

*James 1:22—“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”*

**7. BE TRANSFORMED!**

*Romans 12:2—“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*

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**8. BE HOLY!**

*1 Peter 1:15–“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;”*

*Leviticus 20:7–“Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.”*

**9. BE STRONG IN THE LORD!**

*Ephesians 6:10–“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”*

**10. BE A WITNESS WITH YOUR LIFE!**  
**(i.e. BE A GOOD EXAMPLE!)**

*1 Timothy 4:12–“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity”*

**11. BE A WITNESS WITH YOUR LIPS!**

*1 Peter 3:15–“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:”*

**12. BE FRUITFUL IN EVERY GOOD WORK!**

*Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

**13. BE ONE WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART!**

*Proverbs 3:5-7–“ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.”*

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**14. BE STEADFAST AND FAITHFUL!**

*1 Corinthians 15:58–“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord”*

*1 Corinthians 4:1-2–“Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”*

**15. BE READY FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD!**

*Matthew 24:44–“ Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh”*