

**SOME THINGS TO STRIVE TO BE IN THE NEW YEAR
1 CORINTHIANS 10:31**

Introduction

Last night there are many ways that folks brought in the New Year:

1. Some attended drunken parties and drank in the New Year, but their New Year cheer transformed into a hangover this morning.
2. Some attended other New Years Eve parties with family and/or friends, stayed up late, and have started the New Year out tired today.
3. Some have made New Years resolutions. (Many may be sincere in their resolutions, while others made them with little or no degree of sincerity.)
4. Some set off fireworks, some attended a fireworks display somewhere, others may have watched a fireworks display on TV. So the New Year out with a bang, but now the smoke has cleared and the excitement of the fireworks is now history, and many will just settle back into their old routine tomorrow and the New Year will be somewhat like the Old Year with just a new number.
5. Some attended a watch night service at a Church that hosted one. (As I did last night because I was asked to speak at one!) We sang many songs, heard and offered testimonies, heard some good messages that may or may not take root in the lives of those that were there, and we both heard and offered some prayers as well as having some food and fellowship with fellow Believers!)
6. Some hopefully are really poised to have a Happy New Year because they have allowed God to do a work in their hearts.

So, how can we have a Happy New Year that will last throughout the year and make this year one that glorifies God in our lives?

Let me give you a list of things that we should strive to be in 2020 if we want to bring glory to God in our lives, which should be our goal.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

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1. BE HUMBLE AND FEAR GOD!

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

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.”

2. 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”

3. 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)

4. BE MERCIFUL!

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

5. 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.”

6. 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

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that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

7. 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.”

8. BE STRONG IN THE LORD!

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

9. 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”

10. 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:”

11. 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;

12. 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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13. 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.”

14. 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”