

Closing Out The Old - Opening The New

Foundation scriptures: Isaiah 43:18-19; Philippians 3:13-14

I. To Close Out The Old:

A. Close out old accounts.

1. Forgive old debts, fulfill promises (or ask forgiveness if you can't fulfill)
2. Forgive and purpose to forget old offences and hurts. Let them stay in the old year and not carry them into the new. (Drop old baggage)

B. Bury the bad.

1. It's history - you can't go back and change it so let it go and leave it in the old year.

C. Rehearse the good of the old year. Phil 4:8 - (Whatsoever things are good...)

1. Something must have happened that was positive - God surely did something good for you.

D. Continue in what works

1. If it ain't broke don't fix it!

E. Don't look back

1. What's past is past - Phil 3:13-14 - (Forget those things .. Press towards the mark ..)
The high calling of God is the vision/calling God has given you for your life.

II. Open the new.

A. Close out the old

1. Put a stop to it. Make a quality decision not to carry the bad, negative, etc. into the New Year.

B. Come to the realization that I am starting a new year.

1. Fresh opportunity to make Fresh commitments & covenants (resolutions)

C. Prepare Yourself

1. Fast, Pray, ask God to help you conquer the New Year.

D. Make commitments & Dedications, both spiritual and natural, that you are going to live by.

1. Go to Church, pray, study, read the bible, break bad habits, etc.

E. Write down your goals & vision for the New Year - Habakkuk 2:1-3

1. Review on a regular basis
 - a. renew commitment
 - b. make adjustments as necessary

F. Stir up your gifts & expectations of what God is going to do. II Tim 1:6

1. Talk about it, pray about it, meditate on it
2. Keep it up where it is always in the forefront of your thinking.

G. Visualize the New Year.

1. See what's coming, see what you're expecting, see what you're expecting, see what you're asking God for - purpose

Phil 3:13-19 - (KJV)

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Forgetting - #1950- epilanthanomai (ep-ee-lan-than'-om-ahee);

Strong's - to lose out of mind; by implication, to neglect: KJV-- (be) forget (-ful of).

Thayers

- 1) to forget
- 2) neglecting, no longer caring for
- 2) forgotten, given over to oblivion, that is, uncared for

Behind - #3694 opiso-

Thayers

back, behind, after, afterward

- a) used of place: things that are behind
- b) used of time: after

And - #1161 de (deh);

KJV-- also, and, but, moreover, now [often unexpressed in English].

Reaching Forth - #1901 epekteinomai (ep-ek-ti'-nom-ahee);

Strong's - to stretch (oneself) forward upon:

Thayers

- 1) to stretch out to or toward
- 2) to stretch (oneself) forward to

Before - #1715 emprosthen (em'-pros-then);

Strong's - in front of (in place [literally or figuratively] or time):

Thayers

in front, before

- a) before, that is, in that local region which is in front of a person or thing
- b) before, in the presence of, that is, opposite to, over against one
- c) before, in the sight of
- d) before, denoting rank

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I Press - #1377 dioko (dee-o'-ko);

Strong's - a prolonged (and causative) form of a primary verb dio (to flee;); to pursue (literally or figuratively); by implication, to persecute:

Thayers

- 1) to make to run or flee, to put to flight, to drive away
- 2) to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after
 - a) to press on: figuratively, used of one who in a race runs swiftly to reach the goal
 - b) to pursue (in a hostile manner)
- 3) in any way whatever to harass, to trouble, to molest one
 - a) to persecute
 - b) to be mistreated, to suffer persecution on account of something
- 4) without the idea of hostility, to run after, to follow after someone
- 5) metaphorically, to pursue, to seek after eagerly, earnestly endeavor to acquire

Mark - #4649 skopos ("scope")-

Thayers

- 1) an observer, a watchman
- 2) the distant mark looked at, the goal or end one has in view

Christ - #5547 Christos (khris-tos');

from 5548; anointed, i.e. the Messiah, an epithet of Jesus:

5548 chrio (khree'-o); **Strong's** - probably akin to 5530 through the idea of contact; to smear or rub with oil, i.e. (by implication) to consecrate to an office or religious service:

Thayers

to anoint:

- a) consecrating Jesus to the Messianic office, and furnishing him with the necessary powers for its administration
- b) enduing Christians with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Perfect - #5046 teleios (tel'-i-os);

Strong's - complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); completeness: KJV-- of full age, man, perfect.

Thayers

- 1) brought to its end, finished
- 2) wanting nothing necessary to completeness
- 3) perfect
- 4) what is perfect
 - a) consummate human integrity and virtue
 - b) used of men, full grown, adult, of full age, mature

Be Thus Minded - (Be & Minded are the same Greek word) - #5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o);

Thus = That or This

Strong's - to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): KJV-- set the affection on, (be) care (-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind (-ed), regard, savour, think.

Thayers

- 1) to have understanding, to be wise
- 2) to feel, to think
 - a) to have an opinion of oneself, to think of oneself, to be modest, to not let one's opinion (though just) of himself exceed the bounds of modesty
 - b) to think or to judge what one's opinion is
 - c) to be of the same mind, that is, agreed together, to cherish the same views, to be harmonious
- 3) to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for
 - a) to seek one's interest or advantage
 - b) to be of one's party, to side with him (in public affairs)

Ye Be Otherwise Minded - Same as above Ye Be & Minded are same #5426.

Otherwise = Differently

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Nevertheless - #4133 plen (plane);

Strong's

moreover (besides), i.e. albeit, save that, rather, yet:

Thayers

1) moreover, besides, but, nevertheless

2) besides, except, but

Whereto - 2 Words - #1519 eis- & #3739 hos (hos)

Strong's #1519

a primary preposition; to or into (indicating the point reached or entered), of place, time, or (figuratively) purpose (result, etc.); also in adverbial phrases:

KJV-- [abundantly-], against, among, as, at, [back-] ward, before, by, concerning, + continual, + far more exceeding, for [intent, purposefore], + forth, in (among, at, unto, -so much that, -to), to the intent that, + of one mind, + never, of, (up-) on, + perish, + set at one again, (so) that, therefore (-unto), throughout, til, to (be, the end, -ward), (here-) until (-to), ... ward, [wherefore-], with. Often used in composition with the same general import, but only with verbs (etc.) expressing motion (literally or figuratively).

Thayers #1519 - into, unto, to, toward, for, among;

Strong's #3739

the relatively (sometimes demonstrative) pronoun, who, which, what, that:

KJV-- one, (an-, the) other, some, that, what, which, who (-m, -se),

Thayers #3739 - who, which, what, that

We Have Already Attained - #5348 phthano (fthan'-o);

Strong's

apparently a primary verb; to be beforehand, i.e. anticipate or precede; by extension, to have arrived at: KJV-- (already) attain, come, prevent.

Thayers

1) to come before, to precede, to anticipate

2) to come to, to arrive at

3) to reach, to attain to

Let Us Walk #4748 stoicheo (stoy-kheh'-o);

Strong's

from a derivative of steicho (to range in regular line); to march in (military) rank (keep step), i.e. (figuratively) to conform to virtue and piety: KJV-- walk (orderly).

Thayers

- 1) to proceed in a row as the march of a soldier, to go in order; metaphorically, to go on prosperously, to turn out well
- 2) to walk, to direct one's life, to live

Rule #2583 kanon (kan-ohn');

Strong's

from kane (a straight reed, i.e. rod); a rule ("canon"), i.e. (figuratively) a standard (of faith and practice); by implication, a boundary, i.e. (figuratively) a sphere (of activity): KJV-- line, rule.

Thayers

- 1) a rod or straight piece of rounded wood to which anything is fastened to keep it straight; used for various purposes:
 - a) a measuring rod, a rule
 - b) a carpenter's line or a measuring tape
 - c) the measure of a leap, as in the Olympic games
- 2) a definitely bounded or fixed space within the limits of which one's power of influence is confined
 - a) the province assigned to one
 - b) one's sphere of activity
- 3) metaphorically, any rule or standard, a principle or law of investigating, judging, living, acting

Let Us Mind - See **Be Thus Minded** in verse 15- #5426 phroneo (fron-eh'-o);

- 17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.
- 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:
- 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)