

10 Guidelines For The New Year

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GOD: Be prayerful. Remember dependence and helplessness in your relationship with God are prerequisites for spiritual health. How about a thorough spiritual check-up this year (2 Cor. 13:5)?

OTHERS: Be helpful. Make a commitment to show love and encouragement to someone everyday (Rom. 14:19-22). Challenge yourself to be kind and helpful especially to those who least expect it (Eph. 4:32)!

YOUR MIND: Read and think about something noble and creative everyday (Phil 4:8). Start the day with the Bible. Let the words of life fill your heart and mind before anything gets to them!

FEELINGS: Express them with love and honesty. Whether fear, guilt, grief, rage, shame, or anxiety, express your feelings to God, self, and a trusted friend (Prov, 27:5; 1 Pet.3:7).

ACTIONS: Be generous. Without thought of reward or praise be extravagant in your giving to others (2 Cor. 9:7). Give freely of your love, time, money, spirit, creativity, encouragement, and praise. Don't be stingy with the most important and powerful gifts in your possession, let your actions reflect the startling love of God!

SUCSESSES: Be thankful (Col. 3:15). Most, if not all, of our successes are the result of God's grace, not our cleverness or hard work. Count your blessings regularly.

TROUBLES: Be trustful. For some mysterious reason, many times, God has chosen to make us mature through trials and hardships (Heb. 12:6-10). Look for the hand of God in very circumstance and trust His guidance in the highs and lows of life.

HEART: Be careful. (Prov. 23:7). Focus your love on the Father and Savior who reside within you. Be careful what you allow to creep into this sacred space which belongs to God.

WORSHIP: Be still (Psm. 46:10) Expressing your love and adoration to God isn't reserved for Sundays only. Don't get too busy throughout the week to make continual offerings of praise to God. Jesus is Lord of every day!

SIN: Be repentant. Don't let any sin harden your heart or break the connection between you and God. Confess your sins to the Father every day (1 John 1:6-10). Claim His promises that forgive you and make you pure and clean by the blood of Jesus.

- Dean Fitch. (via *Glad Tidings of Good Things*, Jacksonville, AL) -

— *Have a Blessed 2026!* —

Don't fear tomorrow. God is already there!

News Notes

SYMPATHY: To the family and friends of **Don Floding** who passed away **Wednesday, Dec . 31st**. God bless and comfort those who sorrow.

COVERED DISH DINNER: **TODAY about noon** at the Fellowship Bldg., followed by our **early afternoon worship service at 2:00 p.m.** at the Church Building.

BIBLE MEDITATIONS: **Monday-Friday 12:30-12:35 p.m.** on WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: **Patty McCullough** will celebrate her **90th birthday this Wednesday, Jan. 7th**. Best wishes to Patty.

CONVERT'S CLASS: **Resumes this Thursday, Jan. 8th, 11:00 a.m.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST: **Next Saturday, Jan. 10th, 8:30 a.m.** at the Columbiana Church of Christ.

PANTRY: Oatmeal (round container).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: SICK & SHUT-IN: Covington Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation: **Nancy Hadley**, 100 Covington Dr., Room 304, East Palestine, OH 44413. **At Home:** **Randy Beagle**, **Peggy Linger**, **Scharlotte Jones**, **Harry Huff**, **Nancy Cox**, **Barbara DeLong**, **Marlene Evans**, **Cheryl Renfro Walker**, **Brian Haught** (Skip's brother), **Micheal Sabol** (Karen Strum's daughter-in-law's father). **Serra Manor, Weirton:** **Jean Haught** (Skip's mother). **Fox, Chester:** **Mary Johnson**. **Elsewhere:** **Herman McHan**, 29 Jenny Lane, Columbiana, OH 44408.

ALSO REMEMBER THESE WITH HEALTH ISSUES: **Christy Claypool**, 204 Rio Pinar Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088. **Jackie Brown** (Rico's mother), 4227 Prince Hall Blvd., Orlando, FL 32811.

Resolutions

- A little less impatient with those we deem too slow;
- A little less arrogance because of all we know.
- A little more humility, seeing our worth is slight;
- We are such trivial candles compared to stars at night!
- A little more forgiving and swifter to be kind;
- A little more desirous a word of praise to find.
- A word of praise to utter and make a heart rejoice;
- A little bit more careful to speak with gentle voice.
- A little more eagerness to understand each other;
- A little more real striving to help a ship-wrecked brother.
- A little more high courage to each task that must be done.
- These are our resolutions — and God help everyone!

~ Author Unknown (*Chester Bulletin*, Jan. 6, 1980) ~