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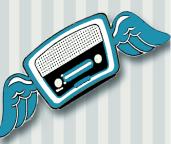
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WHATWILL IT BE LIKE? by Bill Powell



remember a song from when I was a kid sung by Doris Day, that will surely date me, entitled "Que Sera Sera." The singer queried what the future would be when she got older. And the chorus was, "Que Sera Sera. What ever will be, will be. The future is not ours to see. Que Sera Sera." Some of you will remember the commercial that had this slogan, "You only go around once in this life, so grab for all the gusto you can." Let me give you a Bible verse along the same lines, Isa 22:13 "And behold joy and

gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die." How about the old saying, "Let's throw caution to the wind."

The obvious question is where am I going with this. As troubled as our country and world are, most of us live in affluence from a world perspective. It is too easy to live to serve ourselves and eat drink and be merry. Many live in their own comfortable world they have created for themselves. The concepts of achievement, excellence, determination, hard work and accomplishment are missing all too often in our society. Frequently these things are not taught or practiced.

What I am really beating around the bush about is that we should purpose to achieve and succeed in 2016, to accomplish. Set goals and work towards them. Don't be a knot on a log. Don't just try to skate by. I am not suggesting you lasso the moon and put a ribbon on it. Nor am I suggesting you set yourself up for failure. What I am suggesting is live with purpose. Plan your work and work your plan, then follow up and follow through.

Pray for purpose and direction. Sure you may not achieve everything you set out to, but if you set out to do nothing then it is nothing that you are sure to achieve. Everyone has different abilities and talents - that is obvious - but everyone, no matter who you are or what your circumstances, can set goals. Work towards them and achieve more than you would if you didn't plan or set goals for yourself. Write them down, visit them often, and don't give up on them.

I make a list of things I want to accomplish each year and purpose to accomplish them. I don't throw away my old list until everything is either accomplished or time and circumstances deem them null in void. You may say the Lord directs your steps, and I agree. That is why we must pray and seek His will and direction, but we are responsible. You can't excuse away your responsibility. The Lord didn't put you here to just take up space. We are not saved by our works but we will be rewarded according to them. Why not let 2016 be the most fulfilling year of your life?

And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful. Tit 3:14

- He will render to each one according to his works... Rom 2:6
- Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. Pro 16:3

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Looking Ahead

January 17

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Prayer Corner

e would like to remember our men and women in uniform in our prayers this month. Many were not able to be with family for Christmas, and far too many are in danger zones. Pray for their continued safety and provision for their families.

Please join us each week for prayer at our studios at 4295 Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. Thursdays @ 9:00 am No RSVP required, just come.

"THE ONLY CONSTANT IN LIFE IS CHANGE" CHANGES ON THE AM

As we told you last month, Moody is retiring the Midday Connection program currently aired on WMFJ 1450. So we have revamped the entire hour from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, and we are sure you will like the changes! We are excited to announce these awesome additions: Gateway to Joy, a rebroadcast of the classic shows featuring Elisabeth Elliot. Revive Our Hearts with Nancy Leigh DeMoss Joni & Friends with Joni Erickson-Tada

MAKING PLANS FOR THE

love seeing a plan come together. There's nothing quite like stepping back and seeing the finished product of an idea brought to fruition. As human beings, we are created in God's image and as such he has placed in

our DNA the capability of taking what he has created and in turn creating a vast array of things. What marvelous glory the Lord has shown in bestowing on his crowning creation (you and I) the gift of imagination, inspiration and invention. We witness these traits in action every single day not only in God's creation but in what he has allowed us to create. Think of the layout of city streets, the beautiful buildings and archi and the technology that abounds all around us are just a few of the truly splendid things that w I wonder, though, how often we take the time glory to God for this marvelous ability.

The reality is no matter how spectacular and im a man's inventions might be, they pale in com to God's stunning display of his magnificent He is the Creator and we are graciously perm think his thoughts after him and use the rem talents he's given each of us to manage and gov earth he's given us. As we celebrate the New Yes consider our own lives, take inventory of the gi has given, and purpose to use those for his glo

WHAT DOES SIMPLE LOOP

by Donna Bramlett



Sometimes - every now and then - I have been know n to overcomplicate things. I can create five steps where maybe only two are needed. I can set lofty goals that, at this season of life, are completely unrealistic. But I am resolved to

change - in twelve easy steps. (Not really.) I suppose it all started because I just really wanted to enjoy the overarching beauty of Christmas this year - loving my family and taking time to laugh with them, remembering what this whole celebration is all about, and really listening to the Christmas carols instead of just hearing them. I started by paring down the quantity of gifts for my family to a few well-chosen things I know they want. I streamlined our decorations, too. Lovely but simple. I found, however, that simplicity requires planning. It doesn't just happen.

So now I want to carry this into other areas of life and into the New Year. Bill Powell has a great life and work philosophy for this: "Plan your work. Work your plan. Follow up. Follow through." Simple yet profound. So, I'm taking a hard look at finances, activities, meal planning and nutrition, hospitality, and more. I have spread out a slew of areas I can change, and I am narrowing that list to the things I can realistically change this year, all geared toward glorifying God through simplicity.



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pressive parison power. itted to harkable vern the ar let us fts God ory and for the sake of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the year to come! Setting goals is an important part of this intentional purposing to use the gifts we possess for His glory. My friend Frank Reynolds often says that as Christians we ought to be setting "Scary big goals that can only be accomplished if God is in them!" I agree with him and encourage you to consider his advice. We are prayerfully looking at 2016 with great expectations and prayerful hearts as we consider the many ways in which God will open doors to continue to use us to spread his message of redemption and salvation in Jesus Christ alone! Many blessings on you and yours in this new year!

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A NEW YEAR, NEW GROWTH by Christina Hutchinson



ooking back on 2015 I realize I've learned so much! I learned about God's sovereignty and trusting in His plan for me. It wasn't easy, but through prayer, standing firm, and remembering that God is faithful, my husband and I made it through difficult decisions and changes. As I look ahead to 2016 my

prayer is for steadfastness, strength, and peace. One thing I do not want to do is worry! Matthew 6:34 says "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." It's hard not to worry about what tomorrow will bring with everything going on this world, but God has promised us His Spirit enabling us to obey His commands and also bring us peace! Philippians 4:6-7 says "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." This should bring us an overflow of encouragement! 2016 is going to be a new year, meaning it brings with it new learning experiences and new growth. We can expect a lot of changes, some may be exciting and some may not be what we prepared for and difficult for us to understand. Even in those times we must cling to Father, trust in Him and His plan for us. Something Bill likes to say is "You gotta learn how to navigate in this crazy world." Even though it's humorous, he has a point. We navigate in this world through prayer and looking forward to Christ's return! May we go through the new year, not with our expectations and hope in our own will, but the will of the Father! God Bless!



nplify. So, here's to a new normal, an intentional progression that resources I can direct toward the Kingdom of God and this awene!

ou do, find the God-centered, Christ-exalting, Bible-saturated passion d your way to say it and live for it and die for it. And you will make a . You will not waste your life." – John Piper, Don't Waste Your Life A huge thank you to all who brought gifts for the elderly, the foster children, and the homeless. Once again, you - our listeners - have overwhelmed many who received these wonderful expressions of love. May you be richly blessed for your kindness and generosity!

