

MY HYPOTHESIS: THE SUCCESS OF THIS YEAR WILL BE LARGELY DETERMINED BY YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RESISTANCE OF GOD'S BLESSING IN YOUR LIFE

PREMISE #1: GOD WANTS TO BLESS YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE THIS YEAR

*So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." **Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)***

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, **Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)***

*And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)***

Therefore do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 6:31-33 (NKJV)

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4 (NIV)

*Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. **Joshua 1:8 (NIV)***

*Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. **Psalms 1:1-3 (NLT)***

PREMISE #2 - GOD'S BLESSING (PROSPERITY) IS NOT A MAGIC FORMULA

PREMISE #3 - GOD'S BLESSING (PROSPERITY) IS NOT AUTOMATIC

HOW TO HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR:

1. LISTEN TO THE RIGHT ADVICE

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked...

Psalms 1:1a (NLT)

2. HANG AROUND WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE

*Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners... **Proverbs 1:1b (NLT)***

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

*Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. **Proverbs 1:1c (NLT)***

*Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. **Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)***

3. MEDITATE ON THE RIGHT THINGS

*Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. **Psalms 1:3 (NLT)***

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)***

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THIS WEEK'S READING:

JAN 8: LUKE 9:1-27; GEN. 15; PS. 8

JAN 9: LUKE 9:28-62; GEN. 16; PS. 9

JAN 10: : LUKE 10:1-20; GEN. 17; PS. 10

JAN 11: LUKE 10:21-42; GEN. 18; PS. 11

JAN 12: LUKE 11:1-28; GEN. 19; PS. 12

JAN 13: LUKE 11:29-54; GEN. 20; PS. 13

JAN 14: LUKE 12:1-31; GEN. 21; PS. 14 PS. 7

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