

*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.*

**Psalm 86:12 (ESV)**

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR A GREAT YEAR

### 1. PUT GOD FIRST IN EVERY AREA OF MY LIFE

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

**Matthew 6:33-34 (NIV)**

### 2. HAVE AN OTHERS-FOCUSED YEAR

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

**Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)**

### 3. GET BETTER AT SOME THINGS

### 4. PRE-DETERMINE MY ATTITUDE

*I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.*

**Philippians 1:12 (NLTSE)**

*But whether or not their motives are pure, the fact remains that the message about Christ is being preached, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice. For I know that as you pray for me and as the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will all turn out for my deliverance.*

**Philippians 1:18-19 (NLTSE)**

*If I live, that means fruitful service for Christ. I really don't know which is better. I'm torn between two desires: Sometimes I want to live, and sometimes I long to go and be with Christ. That would be far better for me, but it is better for you that I live. I am convinced of this, so I will continue with you so that you will grow and experience the joy of your faith. Then when I return to you, you will have even more reason to boast about what Christ Jesus has done for me.*

**Philippians 1:22-26 (NLTSE)**