

QUESTIONS TO ASK MYSELF AS I STEP INTO THE NEW YEAR WITH GOD:

1. Is my one thing- my greatest desire- pursuing intimacy with God?
2. What is the new thing that I am stepping into? (Something that has never been before or a better quality of what I have been developing, accomplishing and embracing.)
3. What am I willing to let go of?
4. Where does my story fit into?
5. What will I be watching after?
6. What will I be occupying my time with?
7. How will provision be coming so I secure my future?



WEEK 3: PURSUING THE PRIZE

What is the "One Thing" that is most important to you? _____

"ONE THING" IS EXPLAINED IN THE BIBLE THREE TIMES:

- Jesus says about Mary in Luke 10:42 "But only one thing is needed..."
- David says in Psalm 27:4 "One thing I have desired of the Lord..."
- Paul says in Philippians 3:13 "...But one thing I do..."

What is in common with all three Biblical examples? _____

We need to know the difference between _____ and our

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14 (NIV)

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.

BUT ONE THING I DO: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

How is the Apostle Paul's "one thing I do" connected to pursuing intimacy with God? _____

PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11

"I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead."

3 KEYS WE LEARN FROM PAUL IN PURSUING THE PRIZE:

HOW PAUL FOUND HIS "ONE THING"

Acts 9:1, 3-6 "Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples... As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' 'Who are you Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 'Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.'"

Acts 9:9 "For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything."

Acts 9:17-18 "Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord- Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here- has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized."

1) HOLY _____

Philippians 3:12 "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (NIV) "However, as it is written: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.'- but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit."

2) HOLY _____

Philippians 3:13b "... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead."

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

"Forget" means _____

QUESTION: What are stumbling blocks from my past that I am still caring for, nurturing and not letting go of?

* PRIDE *ANGER *HATRED *JEALOUSY *REJECTION *REGRETS
*RESENTMENTS *BITTERNESS *UNFORGIVENESS. *STRONGHOLDS

James 4:6-8 "**But he gives us more grace.** That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded."

Romans 8:1-2 "**Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus**, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death."

3) HOLY _____

Philippians 3:14 "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

(KJV) "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Goal (Greek, skopos) -
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