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## INTRODUCTION:

The new year affords us a new beginning, and it can be a fresh start of something remarkable in our lives. There have been many new beginnings in the Bible. These include Abraham's beginning of the walk of faith with the Lord, Israel's departure from Egypt to the Promised Land, Israel's entering into Canaan under the leadership of Joshua, and the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on Christ's disciples on the day of Pentecost.

The outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the disciples, in particular, marked a new beginning for the church. Every new beginning provides us with an opportunity to experience a new omnipotence of God and a responsibility to keep the charge of the Lord's commands.

As we start another round of walking in faith with God, it is necessary to consider His charge to us in the new year.

## **OUTLINE:**

- FIGHT THE PASSION
- FORGET THE PAST

**Bible Text:** Genesis 12:1–5; Acts 2:2–4

## **1. FIGHT THE PASSION**

Joshua 1:1–2; 6:9; Romans 7:20–24; James 4:1;  
Colossians 3:5–9; 1 Corinthians 9:26–27

If We are going to possess our possession. We must fight courageously and lawfully in obedience to the word of God. We must depend on the strength of the Lord.

Unlike Joshua, whose enemies were without, our enemies are within. Our passions remain our greatest enemies that can hinder us from entering into the joy, peace, rest, and blessing of the Lord. Your greatest enemy is that which separates you from fellowship with the Almighty God—the thing that keeps your name out of the book of life. You must fight against them.

We must keep ourselves pure from immorality, which is rampant in our society today. In fact, our prayer for happy success in academics and business, prosperity, and good health may not be answered unless we are free from

fornication, unclean thoughts, unclean acts, immoral communication between the opposite sex, covetousness, anger, and malice.

No believer can hope to make progress in his walk with God while harbouring malice against a fellow believer.

## **2. FORGET THE PAST**

Isaiah 43:18; 65:16; Genesis 41:51; Psalm 45:10–11;  
Philippians 3:1–3

The old year is gone, so forget the past. “Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.” Nobody hopes to live a full and fulfilled life while being wedded to the past.

If we are to succeed in our walk with God in the new year, we will need to forget the successes and failures, joys and pains, victories and disappointments of the past.

For Joseph, much water went under the bridge. He suffered humiliation and mental agony like no man before him had, but he forgot the past as soon as he settled down to a new life in Egypt.

To make progress in our walk with God, we must likewise forget past injuries and injustices.





## **Conclusion**

Many people live in the past. They speak frequently about their past achievements, great spiritual experiences, and revivals. Others brood over their past problems and troubles, while some constantly bemoan lost opportunities.

But nobody can hope to enjoy their present walk with God while continuing to remember the past.

This is why we need to forget the past and concentrate our attention on the present opportunities to serve the Lord in spirit and in truth as we journey forward.

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