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“New Beginnings”

Each time we come to a New Year we are reminded of turning over a new leaf, starting over, new beginnings, New Year Resolutions. We’ve recently come to such a point of new beginnings, and churches all over the brotherhood are announcing new budgets, new work plans, new dreams for the future. These are good and they help us in our quest for renewal.

When we think of having a new opportunity with entry into a new year, we should remember the words of instruction by Joshua and his officers to Israel before crossing the Jordan River into the New Territory. **“We have not passed this way before”**

Joshua 3:3-5 (KJV) ³And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. ⁴Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. ⁵And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

What a wonderful word of reassurance. Even though Israel had not passed that way before, by following God’s instructions carefully, they could look forward to the marvelous power of God in their lives: **v. 5 “Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.”**

You and I have a similar reassurance as we chart the uncharted paths of the rest of our lives. God has given us a special **gift of His grace** to enable us to use each day that we have **for His glory.**

Ephesians 3:20 (KJV) ²⁰Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,”

God is at work with us and His power is at work within us to accomplish many wonderful things. Along with this promise of His power at work within us comes this reminder:

Luke 12:48 “. . .for unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.”

We each must answer the question, “What will you do with what God has given you?” For us to have a genuine renewal in our work for the Lord, we often need more than just a resolve to do things which we probably will never get around to doing, but an actual revolution in which we actually pursue the goal, make the change!!

Happy New Year!!!

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