

Well, here we go again the beginning of a brand new opportunity to make our lives a little bit better. This year my plan is to simplify life... I can do that. I plan on keeping things simple, short and to the point. I plan on keeping my mouth shut and my opinion to myself. It may be the world's just getting way too complicated for me, it seems everything that was good is now evil and everything that was evil is good, the whole world's just upside down.

I'm even going to shorten the name of our ministry from Joy in Life to JiL (Keeping it simple) and the daily devotionals will now be called "Snapshot" like I said simple, short and to the point. The dailies will be the faith key that starts my car but it will be up to me to keep it running with a good attitude. I'm going to stay off the phone, unless it's to lift someone up. I'm going to keep Facebook at a minimum unless it's to share something of value with others, and only use the internet when it's necessary for correspondence. This is not a New Year's resolution; we all know they don't work, but a reasonable plan for growth in the coming year.

You all know why most New Year's resolutions don't work. We've all made them, everything from losing weight to saving money, the list is endless and usually ends up disappearing before you've lost a pound, or saved a dollar. So six months later you're sitting there having a drink and a smoke trying to figure out why you don't have any money and your pants don't fit. WHAT WENT WRONG? Well the answer is pretty simple; resolutions generally don't work because they're all self-centered. They usually revolve around what I am going to do for me.

What's your plan for the coming year?

Here's a scary thought, this year try making a New Year's plan to be others centered. This year plan on being a little more patient with people and learn to love to help others. Go out and find needs and fill them, commit to being a blessing to others. If you do this I think, no I know your plans will come to fruition and unlike a New Year's resolution you will find you will be able to accomplish some very remarkable things in 2015. Helping others overcome their problems will help you overcome your own... no matter what the problem is.

Have fun and enjoy the coming year. It will be full of tremendous opportunities if you remain strong in your convictions and faith. Lift the burdens of others and make people happy by giving them strength and building them up.

Romans: Chapter 15 vs 1-2 (Amplified Bible). We who are strong [in our convictions and of robust faith] ought to bear with the failings and the frailties and the tender scruples of the weak; [we ought to help carry the doubts and qualms of others] and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us make it a practice to please (make happy) his neighbor for his good and for his true welfare, to edify him [to strengthen him and build him up spiritually].

Gods plan and purpose in life begins from one simple truth...

"God loves you... period!"

God Bless & Much JiL

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