

1. If you and I want the new year to be a success, let's: Drop our agenda ... join His agenda

We all have things we want to do and see accomplished. But success begins when we place our plans at the foot of the cross and take up God's plans and agenda. The apostle Paul put it bluntly,

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2. Get off our path ... get on His path

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, passed these sage words onto his son that are essential for us to emulate,

Proverbs 3:5-6

(A) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and (B) do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways (C) acknowledge him, and he (D) will make straight your paths

3. Release our ambitions ... embrace His ambitions

King David's last words to his son Solomon

1 Chronicles 28:9

"And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve him with a (A) whole heart and with a willing mind, (B) for the LORD searches all hearts and understands every plan and thought. (C) If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever.

Conclusion:

When we do all of this then we need to be aware that He is going to mess up our lives and mess up our church and do things that we never expected, but that whatever He does will serve to advance His Kingdom.