MISSION

Mission is a statement of purpose.

A mission statement provides a path which gives a framework for how you will live throughout the year. It enables you to focus on the priorities. It changes the way you live….gives you FOCUS.

“*Don’t live carelessly, unthinking. Make sure you understand what the Master wants,”* Ephesians 5:17 (Message)

Mission is like a plan. A plan/mission will enable you to arrive at your destination and focus on the priorities. The goal is to be “on course” 80% of the time.

How to find your **ONE WORD** MISSION for this year:

{**What you want to develop/cultivate in your character**

 **or how you want to live**}

* Any scriptures that have been jumping off the page in this last month or so?
* Any words/phrases that you have heard several times? Any prophetic words given to you recently that resonated with your heart?
* Any priorities or values lacking that you want to focus on this year? **What kind of person do you want to be at the end of this year?  What changes do you want to see?**
* The Lord may use a road sign/movie/book/dream/etc to spark something in your spirit that is to be your mission for the year
* Spend some time seeking the Lord for the mission.

Resources for ONE WORD MISSION:

Myoneword.com

Oneword365.com

**Cultivating new habits (one word focus):**

Whatever you focus on, grows.

Don’t focus on what you don’t want (when you put energy into thinking about an unwanted habit~ thinking about it/complaining about it/worrying about it/talking about it….you will get precisely that unwanted thing). As you begin to change your FOCUS, **keep your eyes/thoughts/words on that which you are wanting to develop**.

Replace the unwanted habit (thought pattern/etc) with another habit that you DO want.

1. **Show up** ~ Get started. Don’t think about how you might mess up/”fail”
2. **Be consistent**~ BE STEADY.
* **Newton’s 2nd Law of Thermodynamics=** a body at rest tends to stay at rest & a body in motion tends to remain in motion.
* Once you are in motion it’s easy to keep on keeping on. Once you stop, it’s hard to start up again
* Parable of the tortoise & the hare~ the tortoise won the race because he was STEADY…he didn’t stop; he kept going, even though he was slow. Slow is not the winning reason, but steady was…..
1. **Have a positive outlook** ~ Be positive about what you are doing; speak the end result of what you desire
* The glass is ½ full, not ½ empty
1. **Committed for the long haul**
* Plant, Cultivate, Harvest (There are spiritual & natural laws that mirror one another). You will only harvest what you plant & there is a growing season that must do its job before you can harvest.
* Little changes day by day don’t look like anything, but one day after several months you look back to see major changes taking place.
* Don’t be caught up in looking for “success” right now
1. **Cultivate a burning desire backed by faith**
* SEE IT~ See with eyes of faith what you are believing to take place during this year; have a vision (model) so you “see” it before it is made manifest
1. **Be willing to pay a price**
* It’s worth the investment and the sacrifice to have the “mission” accomplished
* Do the things you are committed to doing, even when no one is looking