

New Year's Reset

A 3D rendered white figure is walking from left to right. The figure is slightly out of focus, with its right hand reaching towards a large, red, circular button on a white base. The background is a plain, light gray.

Philippians 3:12-14

How Many Remember New Years?

Resolutions...

- **Made**
- **Kept**
- **Forgotten**

We are Called to be People of Purpose...

- **Fishers of Men**
- **Not Fish Flopping Helplessly on Shore**

Resolution = Goals = Opportunity

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(Thomas Edison)

We All Have Them...

- **Lose Weight**
- **Make More Money**
- **Raise Faithful Children**
- **Live Faithfully To God**

**Some of Our Goals Are Noble
And Worthy...**

...Some Are Not.

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People in the Bible Also Had Goals

- **Peter/ Other Disciples** had a Goal of Remaining Faithful to Jesus Even If They Needed to Die in Fulfilling that Goal.
- **Jesus** Determined to Go to Jerusalem Even If it Meant the cross.
- More than 40 Jews Resolved Not to Eat Until They had Killed Paul.
- **Paul had the Goal/ Fierce Determination** to Keep Pressing Ahead.
- You Can Never Stop Until Every Part Of Your God-given Assignment Has Been Fulfilled



Tips for Goal Setting... “New Years Reset”

- *“Peter said to him, ‘Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!’/ all the disciples said the same” -Matt 26:35*
- *“When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem” -Lk 9:51*
- *“When it was day, the Jews made a plot and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. There were more than forty who made this conspiracy” -Acts 23:12-13*
- *“Not that I have already obtained this [the resurrection of the dead] or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” -Phil 3:12-14*

Philippians 3:12-16 (MSG)

12 I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me.

13 Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus.

14 I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

15 So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you'll see it yet!

16 Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it.

Know What You Plan to Accomplish

Those Making Goals Knew Exactly What They Wanted:

- **Peter Wanted to Keep From Denying the Christ**
- **Jesus Wanted to Go to Jerusalem / Fulfill His Mission**
- **The Jews Wanted Paul Dead**
- **Paul Wanted to Be His Best for Christ –Stay At It Until the End**

If You Are To Set Any Goal – Whether Spiritual or Physical

- **You Must Know Precisely What You Want to Accomplish**

Know Your Own Limitations

Peter Boasted that He Would Never Deny the Lord –

- **Death Would Come First**
- **The Other Disciples Made the Same Boast**

Didn't Happen that Way...

- **Peter Warming Himself By a Fire**
- **Denied 3 Times that He Knew Jesus**
- **Jesus Had Warned Peter that He Would Stumble**

...So Why Didn't Peter Take Jesus' Words to Heart?

Peter, In His Pride...

...Believed He Would Never Succumb to that Temptation.

Know Your Own Limitations

If Peter Had Taken Jesus' Words to Heart...

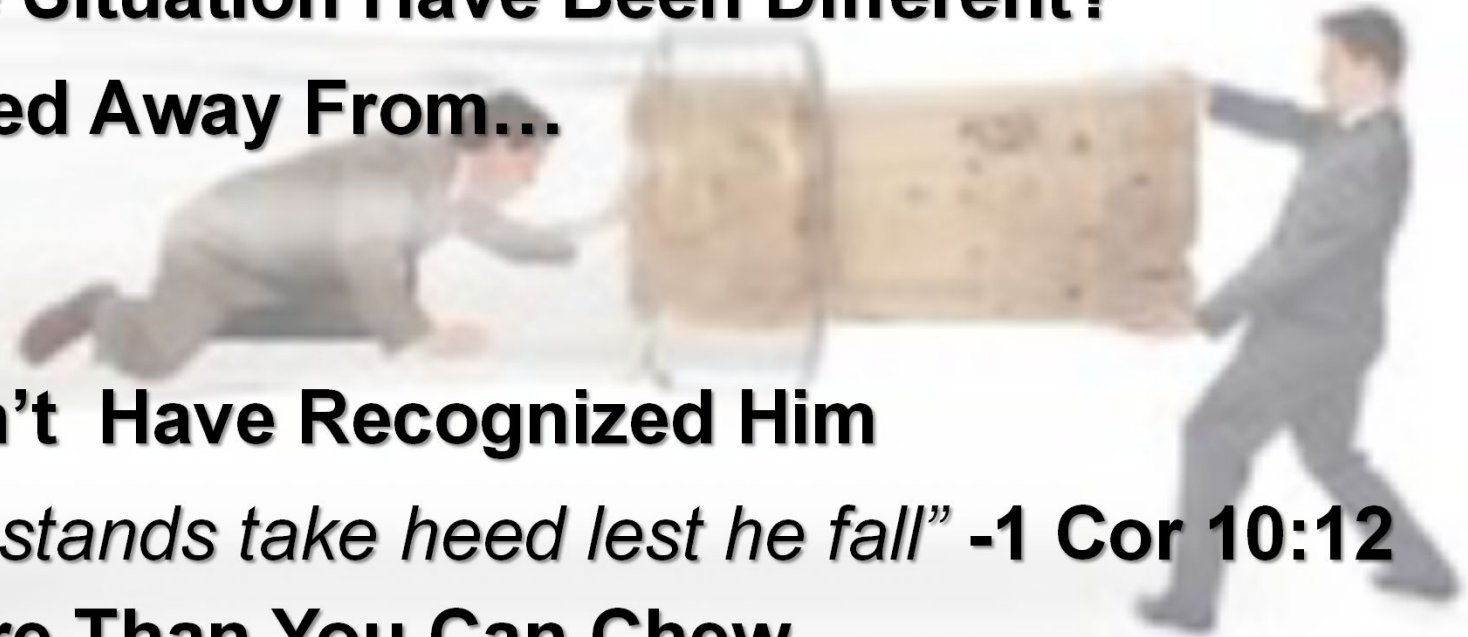
...How Might the Situation Have Been Different?

Maybe If He Had Stayed Away From...

- the Courtyard
- the Fire
- Slave Girl Wouldn't Have Recognized Him

"anyone who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" -1 Cor 10:12

- Don't Bite Off More Than You Can Chew
- Don't Forget that You are Human Apt to Sin / Fall.



Know Right From Wrong Goals

The Jews Determined Not to Eat Until They Had Killed Paul

- Not a...
 - Godly Goal
 - Right Goal

How to Be Sure Your Goal is Right

- Motive
 - Why?
- Mission
 - What?
- Movement
 - When?

**Reset
Rethink
Redo**



Know Your Goals Have Eternal Consequences



- **Negative Goals / + Positive Goals Can Have Eternal Consequence**
 - **Jesus Determined to Go to Jerusalem –to Die**
 - **Paul Sought to Give it All He Had Until...**
 - ...Obtained the Goal of the Resurrection of the Dead**
 - **Set Your Face Toward Heaven.**
 - **Determine to Please Him**
 - **What Better Goals Could You Ever Set?**



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