

New Year's Eve – 2025
Wednesday, 12/31 at 4:00

Bible Verses to Guide and Bless Us



Text: NAS 1995

Introduction: Dear friend: It's common for our lives to become cluttered and complicated and worldly. Therefore, on various occasions – ✓ a **new year**, ✓ a **birthday**, ✓ after an **illness**, ✓ after the **death of a loved one**, or ✓ after the **end of an important relationship**, it's **healthy** to:

- Evaluate our lives.
- Leave our sins and foolishness behind.
- Step into the future with clarity and optimism.

As I touch on eleven Bible passages, may the Holy Spirit grant us guidance, follow-through, and countless blessings!¹

1. **Isaiah 43:18-19** – **Let us unchain ourselves from the past and know that all things are possible with God:**
“Do not... ponder things of the past [when I brought you out of Egypt, parted the sea, and fed you with manna]. Behold, I will do something new [something much greater – by sending the Messiah], Now it will spring forth; ...I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.” // Let us remember the LORD's past blessings

¹ This site inspired some ideas in this sermon: [25 Bible Verses to Inspire a Fresh Start in the New Year](#)

and give Him thanks ***but let us especially look forward to the awesome blessings yet to come through Jesus!***

2. **Lamentations 3:22-23 – Let us recall these words every day:** “The LORD’S lovingkindnesses [*love for us and the generous things He does for us*] indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.” // Wow, they never cease, they are new every morning!
3. **2 Corinthians 5:17 – Let us remember who we are through knowing Jesus:** “...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” // Now, *being children of God*, Let us ♣let go of the old and ♣live as God’s holy children!
4. **Jeremiah 29:11 – Let us permit the joy of God’s plans to dominate our thoughts. The LORD declared:** “...I know the plans that I have for you, ...plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.” // Let us always cling to God’s never-failing promises!
5. **Philippians 1:6 – God will finish what He has started:** “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work [of salvation] in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” // God has saved us! Now, let us cooperate with His work in our lives!
6. **Proverbs 3:5-6 – It’s normal and natural for us to do what WE desire, but what is best?** “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.” // What does that mean? Let us ♣be open to God’s word, ♣believe it is best, and ♣follow it in every decision going forward!

7. **Psalm 32:8** – **We are not on our own, the LORD said:**
“I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.” // Therefore, let us ♦pay close attention to the LORD, ♦follow His teaching, and ♦be at peace – *because He is watching over us!*
8. **Ephesians 4:22-24** – **Let us put off the old and put on the new:** “...in reference to your former manner of life, ...lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit [*desires of dishonesty*], and... be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.” // When ♦we are tempted to sin AND ♦we want to sin, *let us know it's a lie – it's dishonest!* Even though our old nature says “**Yes,**” let our new nature say “**No,**” and ***gladly go God's way!*** This is an excellent time to get rid of our bad habits and **replace them with new ones that align with the Bible!**
9. **Philippians 3:13-14** – **What Paul did was not easy but it's important for all believers:** “Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of [the fullness of eternal life] yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” // Paul could have been depressed about his past sins of *severely persecuting followers of Jesus*. **But**, instead, he knew – *by God's grace* – that His sins were forgiven and separated from him, “*as far as the east is from the west*” (Ps. 103:12). **Therefore**, he focused on ♦living for Jesus **and** ♦finally being called home to Paradise!

10. **Colossians 3:23** – So much of life is about attitude –
♦how we view the Bible, ♦how we interact with others, ♦how we deal with difficult situations, ♦how we approach our work. Here is some great advice:
“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men...”
- a. Even though we see our boss, let us remember that our **Ultimate Boss** is our Lord Jesus! He †is the Son of God, †took away our sins, †is fully aware of our job situation.
 - b. Therefore, regardless of our circumstances – good or bad, *let us do our VERY BEST to GOD’S GLORY!* When we do so, the Spirit might even use us to transform our earthly boss into our brother or sister in Christ!
11. **Psalm 37:4-5** – How are we living for the Lord –
✓*forcing ourselves to do His will* OR ✓*doing so gladly, knowing His ways are best:* “Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it.” // Did you catch that HUGE promise?
When we **gladly** seek to **know** and **follow** the will of the Lord, *He will give us those deep and pure desires in our hearts.* The world says, “No,” but let us – *as Bible-believing Christians* – be sure: **HE WILL DO IT!**

Let Us Pray: Dear LORD, we thank You for Your word! Help us to go forward to ➡believe it and ➡gladly do it!

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