

FOLLOWING THE HARVEST

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"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

"I Want to be Richer in 2019!" By Linda Felis

Here is the definition of Rich: plentiful, abundant, copious, ample, profuse, lavish, liberal, generous, and bountiful. Isn't that what most of us want in our lives? I sure do, but since this world is not our true home, why do we spend so much time, energy and money building sandcastles, when Jesus is our Rock and He has provided a heavenly home for us already? Sure, we all want to be comfortable and able to enjoy what God has so graciously provided for us here, but we can get so focused on "Getting Ahead," that the cares and worries of this life take over. Before we know it, another year has passed and really not much has changed in our lives spiritually.

Oh sure, we all get more of the Word of God, more fellowship, but then what? What do we do with all we know and have learned? Keep it to ourselves or share the good news with others? I just want to challenge myself and you to focus less on being rich in the worlds ways, and concentrate on being rich spiritually in a new fresh walk with Christ, allowing Him to take our lives and focus daily on what He might want to accomplish through us. There are so many needs all around us, Friends. Let's concentrate this New Year on being rich in the things that count for eternity, and let God use us in new ways for a New Year!

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor so that you through His poverty might become rich"
2 Corinthians 8:9.

PRAYER: "Order my steps today Lord"

God's New Years Resolution

At the beginning of every year "New Years Resolutions" are made. I've noticed at my gym for instance, new members come in with high hopes that they will finally get in shape or loose weight. The gym fills up with well-meaning people who want to change their bad habits, but after about a month, the gym empties out again, and everything goes back to where it was before the New Year rush. These people stop working out, but still have to pay for their membership. That's a good way to waste your money.

New Years resolutions are generally born out of self-will. Self-will is predicated on a person's own ability to do something that will change them for the better, like loosing weight or just improving one's life. May I quote Jesus Christ without sounding prideful: "Without Me you can do nothing," John 15:5. Without the Spirit of God directing one's life decisions it can become quit frustrating.

The only lasting resolution is "Lord what is your will for me this New Year? What would you have me to accomplish?" This kind of resolution takes time to wait on the Lord through prayer, reading the Word of God and fellowship with other like-minded believers. Wise King Solomon said it this way, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6. May we be looking to the Lord Jesus Christ for His resolutions and not our own. Only then will we see the results that will fulfill us and please Him.



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My Personal Wake-up Call

Last year I had a personal wakeup call. After having both of my hips replaced, I thought that all of my major surgeries were over. However, on June 12th my urologist informed me after a second biopsy that I had an aggressive form of prostate cancer, and I would have to make a decision concerning my options.

Linda and I decided a prostatectomy (radical prostate removal) would be the best thing to do. So we scheduled the surgery. The soonest I could get it taken care of would be the middle of September. I had to wait the whole summer for surgery. Believe me, that took a lot of faith and patience to wait.

I finally had a successful surgery, and my PSA blood test results showed that all the cancer had been removed with my prostate. There was no residual cancer in the rest of my body.

This whole season for waiting to see what was going to happen was a real wakeup call for me personally. I had never ever thought of the possibility that I could die of cancer, or any other disease for that matter. In looking back over that season, my faith was tested to the extreme.

As a result, this New Year I will be focused on whatever God has in mind for me. Being available for whatever He calls me to do will be my highest priority. My focus will be on His will and not my own. It just seems to me that whatever is done in this life that does not have eternal value, is all for not. Eventually I am going to heaven, and I want to take as many souls with me as I can.

"Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should." Psalms 90:12.



Prayer of blessing



Linda and Barry praying for Noah



Bette Bond sharing the Gospel

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- January 4th Seal Beach
- January 5th Riverside Mission Inn
- January 11th Huntington Pier
- January 12th Manhattan Pier
- January 18th Newport Pier
- January 19th Redondo Pier
- January 25th Prayer Meeting - Russ Hodder's Home
- January 26th Santa Monica Pier

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