

Happy New Year - A Fresh Start
Making It Happen
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This year, I hope to _____.

... Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. ¹⁴So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. 1 Peter 1:13-14

So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. ...
1 Peter 1:13

**DISCIPLINE IS CHOOSING WHAT YOU WANT _____
OVER WHAT YOU WANT _____.**

HOW DO WE PUT HOPE IN ACTION?

1) DEFINE THE _____ .

They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire."

Nehemiah 1:3

YOU CAN'T _____ WHAT YOU DON'T _____.

2) DILIGENTLY _____.

When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:4

What is one change you could make today that would put you on the path God intended for you?

3) DO THE _____.

... "You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!" ¹⁸Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me ... They replied at once, "Yes, let's rebuild the wall!" So they began the good work.

Nehemiah 2:17-18

... "I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down. ..."
Nehemiah 6:3 ESV

TALK IT OVER AT HOME

- Fill in the blank. This next year, I hope to _____.
- Read 1 Peter 1:13-14. What are some old ways you plan to not slip back into this year?
- What specific actions do you need to take to diligently seek God and do the work to accomplish your hopes for this year?