



Navigating the New Year Pt. 2

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Perspective is Powerful! Last week we examined God's Perspective about: What, Where, and Why we are. (1 Pt. 2:9-11) Satan tries to deceive or distract us from God's Perspective so that we drift through life with little eternal Effect or Impact! Jesus calls us to "Repent" (reconsider) and focus on the reality (and inevitability) of the Kingdom of God. (Mt. 4:17)

In order to avoid the deceptions and distractions of the Devil, we need to plot a true course that "reconsiders" God's Kingdom and our role in it! What's Needed to "Navigate" life?

You need to Begin with an End if View! Aka: Destination!

Satan seeks to get us to focus on the "journey" without real regard to the Destination. How'd that work out for the Rich Young "Fool"? (Luke 12:19-21) See also Vs 31,32!

Destination is really about Destiny!

1. What's your Desired "end"?

A. This should be related to "Why" you exist! (Rev. 4:11, Ecc 12:13)

1) Why are you really here?

B. If you get this answer wrong:

1) You'll plot the wrong course!

2) You'll waste time.

3) You'll end up "wasting" your life! (Remember Solomon? "vanity of vanities")

2. Without a clear destination you won't know when you drift!

Pr. 29:18 *"Where there is no vision (Destination) the people perish"* (drift)

1 Tim. 1:5,6 *"Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some have swerved have turned aside..." Also Vs 19*

A. The "current" of changing cultures will seldom take you to a safe harbor!

1) Paul pressed *"toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"* (Ph 3:15)

But then warned that navigate by "worldly" things. vs. 18,19 *"For many walk... whose end is destruction who mind earthly (temporary) things."* Phroneo: entertain, regard, focus on
Remember Odysseus and the sirens in Homer's Odyssey?

3. Navigate by the permanent!

A. Temporary goals should line up with long range goals.

1. Otherwise they'll pull you off course!

B. Temporary destinations/delays may become Detours to destruction!

Mt 7:13 *"wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction."*
apō'leia: ruin, loss, waste!

- 1) Homer's Odyssey (750 BC) is about King Odysseus' journey home after the 10 year Trojan war. While he was anxious to return to Kingdom and his wife Penelope, **he kept getting sidetracked.**
- 2) After several detours, he gets shipwrecked on the island of Ogygia and is delayed 7 more years by the nymph Calypso.

Conclusion. To Navigate Successfully you need:

- **A Final Destination:** *Where do you want to end up?*
- **An Accurate Location:** *Where are you now?*
- **A Clear Direction:** *How will you get from here to there?*

While some understand the importance of having a clear Destination, Location, and Direction, Most fail to consider that we have an unknown and limited **Duration!** (Time's Running out!) (Luke 12:20)



Lot moved his family to Sodom to “sojourn”. (Gen. 19:9)
“Gur”: *to turn aside from the road!*
 While God delivered Lot's family before destroying Sodom, he warned them not to turn or look back.
(Don't get distracted again!)
 Jesus referred to this when he warned:
“Remember Lot's Wife” Lk 17:21

Application: What's your desired end?

God has a desired “end” for you! Jer. 29:11

“For I know the thoughts (purposes) that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

'aḥarîṯ' Tiqwâ: A Hoped for Reward!

Will you “work” with God to plot your course this year?

Ps 37:3-5 “Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.”