

Navigating the New Year

“Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.” Isaiah 33:6

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Pr. 29:18 remind us of the danger of launching out without a clear “vision” or direction. 1 Tim.

1:19 warns us that going forward without a solid faith and a good conscience can leave us “shipwrecked”! Our text (Isaiah 33) reminds us that pursuing “Wisdom and knowledge” provide “stability and strength of salvation” if “the fear of the LORD is our treasure”

Let’s look into the Wisdom of God’s Word to help us Navigate the New Year”.

1. Understand What we are! 1 Pt 2:9,11

A. “**Chosen**” (eklektos’) favored, selected. Jn 15:16 *“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain...”*

B. **Royal** priesthood (basi’leios hierateu’ō) Ro 8:16-17 *“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”* (See also 1 Peter 2:5)
Did you notice the “If...Then?”

C. A **Holy** Nation (hagios) sacred, consecrated, set apart.

1 Thes. 4:3 *“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification”* hagasmos’: holiness, purification

2 Cor 6:17 *“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father...”*

D. “a Peculiar people” (per-ee-poy’-ay-sis) **purchased**, acquired. 1 Pt 1:18-19
“ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, ... tradition. But with the precious blood of Christ”

E. “strangers” (par’oikos) resident aliens and pilgrims (parepid’ēmos) traveler.
1 Jn 3:1 *“the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.”* (see also John 15:18-20)

2. Understand Where we are!

A. In A **Deceitful** World contaminated by Sin. 2 Cor. 4:4; 11:3

1 Jn 5:19 *“we know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in wickedness.”* (See also 1 Jn 2:15-17)

B. In a **Dark** World. Phil 2:14-15 *“Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world”* (also Mt. 5:14-16)

C. In a **Dangerous** World. (Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Tim. 2:3,4)

“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.”

1 Pt. 2:1 *“I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul”*

3. Understand Why we are!

A. We're here to ***Focus*** (God's light) (Mt. 5:14-16) 1 Peter 2:9

"... that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:"

B. We're here to ***follow*** Christ and become ***fishers*** of men.

Mt. 5:19 ***"Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men."***

C. We're here to ***fight*** the evil one.

Mt. 5:13 ***"Ye are the salt of the earth."***

1 Tim. 6:12 ***"Fight the good fight of faith."***

2 Tim. 4:7 ***"I have fought a good fight."***

Conclusion: In Navigating the New Year Isaiah 33:6

***"Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times,
and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure."***

Stability, Strength, Salvation are biproducts of pursuing (navigating by) Wisdom,
Knowledge, and the Fear of the Lord."

Application: 2 Peter 1:2-3 promises that God has provided everything that we need to navigate safely and effectively, ***"through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."***

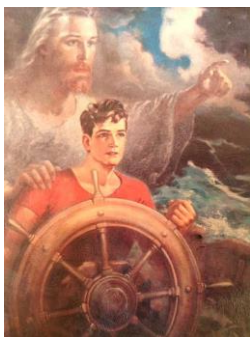
This tells us that God has equipped us with the resources to live up to the Who & Why of our calling, while living in the Where of our calling; But this is based on

- Correct Information. (Truth, Knowledge)
- God's Inspiration. (The Fear of the Lord)
- Our Application. (Wisdom)

What happens if we fail to pursue this? See Hosea 4:6,7!

Is 30:20,21 ***"thine eyes shall see thy teachers: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."***

I'm committed to share God's "Information". ***"Thine eyes shall see thy teachers"***
God's committed to provide the "Inspiration." ***"voice behind thee saying this is the way"***
Will you commit to provide the "Application?" ***"when ye turn to the right...left"***



Pr 3:5-6 ***"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."***

AKA: Help you Navigate the New Year!